

Dear Customer

Snodland Post Office[®] Co-operative Group Food Ltd, 46 High Street, Snodland, ME6 5DA

Local Public Consultation Decision

I'm writing to confirm that we will be proceeding with the relocation of the above branch to the premises previously known as - The Bull, 1 Holborough Road, Snodland, ME6 5DQ.

We received 15 individual responses from customers and local representatives during the local public consultation period. The main feedback centered on access to the new location, parking and also access into the new premises. This feedback enabled me to improve my understanding of customers' concerns and to ensure that all such information was taken into account before finalising our plans for the new branch.

I appreciate that the new premises are some 60 metres from the current site along level terrain and some customers will have to cross the road to access the new location. There is a zebra crossing on Malling Road not far from the new location and given the close proximity of the new branch to the current site, we remain satisfied that customer access to Post Office services will not be significantly impeded after the move.

While I have considered the concerns raised about parking in the area surrounding the new location, it is fair to say that this is a problem faced generally in many locations nationwide. As I am sure you will understand, these matters are outside the direct control of Post Office Ltd, however I have conducted a further review of parking and I can confirm there will be a customer car park to the rear of the new premises. There is also time restricted roadside parking available on nearby side streets. I am therefore satisfied that parking at the new branch will continue to meet the needs of customers using the Post Office.

It's clear that the Post Office plays an important part in the lives of customers, particularly to older and disabled customers and we want to make our services as accessible as we possibly can. The new premises, which is currently empty, will undergo a full refurbishment to incorporate a convenience store and a Post Office. The current operator, Co-operative Group Food Ltd, will continue to operate this service from these new premises. The new branch will have a wide automatic door and level access at the entrance. Internally, there will be a hearing loop, a low level writing desk, a low level serving counter and space for a wheelchair. The new branch will also offer the same range of products and services as the current branch and the opening hours will remain unchanged.

I have carefully considered my original proposal and the feedback received during the public consultation period. I am confident that the new branch is suitably located and that this new way of offering Post Office services will meet customer needs, whilst helping to provide future sustainability for the branch.

The current branch will close at 12:30 on Saturday 22 September 2018, with the new branch opening at the new premises at 09:00 on Thursday 27 September 2018. If there are any unforeseen schedule changes which mean these dates change, posters will be displayed in branch to let customers know.



During transfer of the branch customers requiring Post Office facilities may use any convenient Post Office service. Details of two alternative Post Office branches are provided below for your convenience:

- Lower Halling Post Office, 95 High Street, Halling, Rochester, ME2 1BS
- Larkfield Post Office, 24 28 Martin Square, Larkfield, Aylesford, ME20 6QJ

Thank you for considering our proposal. We hope that you and our customers will continue to support your local Post Office branch.

Yours faithfully

Mike. J. Ball

Multiples Account Executive

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Details of the new service:

Snodland Post Office information sheet	
	Previously known as - The Bull,
Address	1 Holborough Road
	Snodland
	ME6 5DQ
	Mon 09:00 - 17:30
	Tue 09:00 - 17:30
	Wed 09:00 - 17:30
Post Office Opening hours	Thu 09:00 - 17:30
	Fri 09:00 - 17:30
	Sat 09:00 - 17:30
	Sun Closed
	Mon 07:00 - 23:00
	Tue 07:00 - 23:00
Opening times of Post	Wed 07:00 - 23:00
Office service at retail	Thu 07:00 - 23:00
counter offering selected	Fri 07:00 - 23:00
services	Sat 07:00 - 23:00
	Sun 10:00 - 16:00
Distance	60 metres away from the current branch, along level terrain.
Products & Services	The same range of services will continue to be available.
Accessibility & Accessibility works	Access and facilities This branch will have a wide automatic door and level access at the entrance. Internally, there will be a hearing loop, a low level writing desk, a low level serving counter and space for a wheelchair.
	Transport/parking There will be a car park to the rear of the new premises.
Retail	Convenience store
Date of relocation	Thursday 27 September 2018

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