



Dear Customer,

**Local public consultation – Decision**

**Stockport Post Office  
36-40 Great Underbank, Stockport, SK1 1QF**

Further to our recent communication where we announced the decision for the relocation of this branch, the new branch opened on Thursday 30 October 2025 as advised, and the current branch will be closing on Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 15:00.

The two branches will both be open for a short period to assist with the initial set-up of the new branch.

Due to provider operational requirements, during the period both locations are open, there will be a split between locations for some services available and details of these can be found at the end of this letter.

We're carrying out this notification in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. An extract relating to Consultation is available at the end of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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## Dual Location Running Split of Services Available

(Due to provider operational requirements, during the period both branch locations are open, there may be a split between locations for some services available)

<u>Affected Service</u>	<u>Current Location</u>	<u>New Location</u>
<b><u>Mails</u></b>		
<u>Evri - Buy in branch</u>	✓	x
<u>Evri - Drop off and collections</u>	✓	x
<b><u>Passport Applications</u></b>		
<u>Digital Check &amp; Send - New &amp; Renewals</u>	x	✓
<b><u>Licence Applications</u></b>		
<u>SIA Licence Application</u>	x	✓
<b><u>Identity Services</u></b>		
<u>In Branch Verification</u>	x	✓
<b><u>Driving</u></b>		
<u>DVLA Photocard Renewal</u>	x	✓
<b><u>Your Finances</u></b>		
<u>Western Union</u>	x	✓
<u>Bank of England Banknote Exchange</u>	x	✓

The latest available branch information, including possible alternatives Post Office branches in the area, can be found on our website [www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder](http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder)

To get this information in a different format, for example, in larger print, audio or braille call 03452 66 01 15 or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

## **Principles of Community Engagement on changes to the Post Office network (extract)**

A full version of this document is available on our Consultation Hub - [postofficeviews.co.uk](https://postofficeviews.co.uk)

**We are committed to engaging and supporting our customers and their representatives as we make changes to the Post Office network. The following Principles will be adopted when communicating about changes to your local Post Office branch.**

We will **Consult** - where we are seeking feedback on proposals prior to a decision being made on the:

- Permanent closure of a Post Office branch<sup>5</sup>
- Permanent relocation of a Post Office branch (including the franchising of a Directly Managed branch to a new site)

We will carry out a six-week<sup>6</sup> local public consultation, informing customers, locally elected representatives, Consumer Advocacy Bodies, and selected charities of the proposal. This information will also be made available online and for a Directly Managed branch a press release will be issued to local media. We will ask locally elected representatives to share information with other key community outlets (such as notice boards, local charities, magazines, GP surgeries etc.).

The consultation will ask specific questions on areas where we would like feedback on access to Post Office services and will confirm when the change will happen if the decision is made to proceed. We will provide clear information on any changes to services as well as access to and into the new branch.

We welcome all feedback with the following factors being taken into account in making our decision, which we expect to make within four weeks of the close of consultation:

- Customer access to, into and inside the new or alternative branch/branches with particular regard to vulnerable consumers
- Any local community issues which could be affected by or affect the proposal

At the end of the consultation process we will write to locally elected representatives, Consumer Advocacy Bodies, and respondents to the consultation (where practical) to confirm our decision and provide a summary of key issues raised with a clear response to each. This information will be made available online and in branch (where possible).

**These Principles have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland, the independent statutory consumer advocacy bodies.**

### **What to do if you feel these Principles haven't been followed:**

Please get in touch so we can investigate your complaint. We'll explain in our reply whether we believe we have followed our Principles of Community Engagement and will provide you with the contact details for the relevant consumer advocacy body (Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland, or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The consumer advocacy body will independently assess whether we have followed the Principles of Community Engagement process (rather than the decision itself) and recommend any actions with respect to the complaint.

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<sup>5</sup> There may be a small number of cases where due to circumstances outside our control we have no option other than to permanently close a branch in a particular location. In these cases, the consultation will seek feedback on alternative Post Office service provision in the area.

<sup>6</sup> If the consultation includes more than four weeks in July in Scotland and Northern Ireland or more than four weeks in August in England and Wales, we will extend the period by one calendar week. We will not start any local public consultation during the two-week period which includes the Christmas and New Year bank holidays.