



Dear Customer

Local public consultation – Decision

**Watton Post Office
50 High Street, Watton, Thetford, IP25 6AE**

I'm writing to confirm that following a period of local public consultation and review, we have made the decision to proceed with the move of the above Post Office into 1 Chaston Place (formerly Boots), Watton, Thetford, IP25 6XE, where it will continue to operate as one of our local style branches.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to let us have their comments and provide information. All the feedback we received helped us to better understand the views of customers and their representatives and this was taken into account, along with all other relevant factors, in making our decision. A summary of the feedback is enclosed along with an information sheet providing further details about the new branch.

After careful consideration of the feedback received, we remain confident that the layout and location of the new branch will continue to meet customer needs and deliver an excellent service, whilst securing the long-term viability of Post Office services in the local community. unfortunately

The current branch will close at 13:00 on Sunday 1 March 2026, with the new branch opening, at 1 Chaston Place (formerly Boots), at 13:00 on Wednesday 4 March 2026. If there are any unforeseen circumstances 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 branch's are provided below for your convenience:

- Necton Post Office, 25 Hale Road, Necton, Swaffham, PE37 8EY
- Swaffham Post Office, 49-51 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7LE

This information is also available on the Post Office Consultation Hub at: postofficeviews.co.uk

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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Appendix A

Response to Local Public Consultation

Consultation started Wednesday 26 November 2025

Consultation ended Wednesday 07 January 2026

Consultation responses

- 15 responses from customers and local representatives

Feedback received

- We received some feedback about the internal space at 1 Chaston Place (formerly Boots)

Response

Internal Space

Internally, the new branch will be built in line with Post Office specifications with a dedicated Post Office area, making sure there is sufficient space for the Post Office service to operate alongside the retail offer. We will work closely with the postmaster to optimize the internal layout, ensuring the space is used effectively and that access throughout the store remains clear and unobstructed. Adequate room will be provided for customers, including wheelchair users, to move around comfortably and without difficulty.

Appendix B

Watton Post Office Information Summary

There are times our branches may need to make changes to its opening hours. The latest available branch information can be found on our website www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

New Location																	
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Services available																	
A similar range of products and services will still be available, with the addition of Dollar Travel Money.																	
Serving positions																	
There will be two Post Office serving points that are part of the retail counter.																	
Access																	
The new premises will have a wide door and level access at the entrance. Internally, there will be a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.																	
Getting there																	
The new premises will be located approximately 30 metres away from the current branch. Time restricted roadside parking and a dedicated disabled parking bay is available nearby. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.																	
Store retail available	Convenience store.																

Services available	New Branch
<u>Everyday Personal & Business Banking</u>	
<u>Cash Withdrawals</u>	✓
<u>Cash Deposits</u>	✓
<u>Cheque Deposits</u>	✓
<u>Mails</u>	
<u>Drop & Go</u>	x
<u>Parcelforce Express Services</u>	✓
<u>DPD - Buy in branch</u>	✓
<u>DPD - Drop off and collections</u>	✓
<u>Evri - Buy in branch</u>	✓
<u>Evri - Drop off and collections</u>	✓
<u>Post & Go</u>	✓
<u>Pay Bills & Top Up</u>	
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<u>Travel</u>	
<u>Foreign Currency</u>	Euros / Dollars
<u>Travel Money Card</u>	✓
<u>Your Finances</u>	
<u>Western Union</u>	✓
<u>Savings application forms</u>	✓

Services not available at the proposed new branch are available at	Shipdham Post Office The Green, Shipdham, Thetford, IP25 7LA
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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

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 branch⁵
- 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-week⁶ 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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⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.