

Dear Customer

## Weoley Hill Post Office® 64 Swarthmore Road, Birmingham, B29 4JT

## **Local Public Consultation Decision**

I'm writing to confirm that after careful consideration we have decided not to proceed with the proposed move of Weoley Hill Post Office to Tugford News & Convenience Store, 2 Tenby Court, Tugford Road, Birmingham, B29 4PX.

The local public consultation on the proposal to move Weoley Hill Post Office from its current location ended on 9 August 2017. During the consultation period we received 115 individual responses and a petition from customers and local representatives objecting to the proposal.

In the main, feedback focused on the suitability of the new location to house a Post Office, that the proposed premises would be difficult to reach via public transport and on the impact this would have on elderly and less able customers, particularly those living in retirement homes close to the existing site.

As part of the consultation process, Post Office Ltd also meets with the independent statutory consumer watchdog, which in Great Britain is Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland, to review all the consultation responses and to ensure all relevant feedback is taken into account. Citizens Advice expressed significant concerns about the proposal mainly due to the route to the new site which had uneven pavements, a lack of dropped kerbs and public transport, and security concerns. Citizens Advice and Post Office Ltd also took the opportunity to walk the ground to get a better understanding of local concerns.

In making our decision, we have taken into account all relevant factors including the responses we received as part of the consultation process and the concerns raised by Citizens Advice and local representatives.

The branch will therefore continue to operate from its existing location for the time being. In line with our Code of Practice, any proposed new location would be subject to a further 6-week period of local public consultation.

You can also find a copy of this letter on our website at <u>postofficeviews.co.uk</u>. When entering the website you will be asked to enter the code for this branch: 418201

This communication is being carried out in line with our Code of Practice for changes to the Post Office network, which we have agreed with Citizens Advice. If you'd like a copy of the Code, it's available in branch, by contacting us or on our website at:

www.postofficeviews.co.uk

Thank you for considering our proposal.

Yours faithfully

Suzanne Richardson Regional Network Manager

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