

Dear Customer

# Wormelow Post Office® Previously located at: Wormelow, Hereford, HR2 8EJ

#### Proposed branch modernisation

I'm writing to let you know that we are proposing to re-open the above Post Office at: Carrot and Wine Stores Ltd, 1 Queens Close, Wormelow, Hereford, HR2 8FD where it will operate as one of our new local style branches.

This branch closed in 2014, since the closure we have worked to restore the service to our customers in the area of Wormelow. I am therefore pleased to inform you that a new operator has been appointed and has provided us with the opportunity to incorporate the Post Office service into their existing convenience store.

This change is part of a major programme of modernisation taking place across the Post Office network, the largest in the history of Post Office Ltd. The Programme is underpinned by Government investment and will see up to 8,000 branches modernised and additional investment in over 3,000 community and outreach branches.

#### What will this mean for customers?

- Post Office services will be offered from a till on the retail counter in a modern open plan branch
- Longer opening hours
- The majority of Post Office products and services will still be available

# Consulting on the proposed new location

We're now starting a 6 week local public consultation and would like you to tell us what you think about the access into the proposed premises. Before we finalise our plans, we would really like to hear your views on the proposed location, particularly on the following areas:

- Are the new premises easy for you to get into and is the inside easily accessible
- Are there any other local community issues which you believe could be affected by or affect the proposed change
- If the move were to proceed is there anything we could do to make it easier for customers

I've enclosed an information sheet that provides more details about the proposed Post Office and the range of products that will be available. If you have any comments or questions, please email or write to me via our Communication and Consultation team, whose contact details are below. Please note that your comments will not be kept confidential unless you expressly ask us to do so by clearly marking them "In Confidence". Any information we receive will be considered as we finalise our plans for the new branch.

You can share your views on the proposed Post Office through our easy and convenient new online questionnaire via the link below. When entering the site you will be asked to enter the code for this branch: 257618

postofficeviews.co.uk

# **Dates for local public consultation:**

Local Public Consultation starts	07 November 2017
Local Public Consultation ends	19 December 2017
Proposed month of change	January 2018

I've included information about the Code of Practice over the page and copies of the Code will also be available in branch.

Thank you for considering our proposal. At the end of the consultation we'll let you know our final plans by displaying a poster in the branch.

Yours faithfully

Suzanne Richardson Regional Network Manager

#### How to contact us:

postofficeviews.co.uk

comments@postoffice.co.uk

Customer Helpline: 03452 66 01 15 Textphone: 03457 22 33 55

Please note this is the full address to use and no further address details are required.

Want to tell us what you think right here and now – scan here.

If you don't have a QR code scanner on your phone, you can find one in your app store.



Items sent by Freepost take 2 working days to arrive. Therefore, responses by Freepost should be sent in sufficient time to arrive before the end of the consultation period. Working days do not include Saturdays or Sundays. Responses received after the deadline will not be considered.

To get this information in a different format, for example, in larger print, audio or braille please contact the Customer Helpline on 03452 66 01 15 or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

Wormelow Post Office information sheet						
	Proposed new Post Office branch (subject to local public consultation)					
Address	Carrot and Wine Stores Ltd 1 Queens Close Wormelow Hereford HR2 8FD					
Post Office opening hours	Mon 07:00 - 21:00 Tue 07:00 - 21:00 Wed 07:00 - 21:00 Thu 07:00 - 21:00 Fri 07:00 - 21:00 Sat 07:00 - 21:00 Sun 07:00 - 21:00					
Distance	Same location.					
Accessibility & Accessibility works	Access and facilities  There is a step at the proposed premises, however plans are in place to make access level to the entrance.  Internally, there would be a hearing loop and space for a wheelchair.  Parking  Parking is available on the forecourt of the proposed premises.					
Retail	Convenience store					
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Wormelow Post Office® services available

Your Postmaster or our Customer Helpline on 03452 66 01 15 will be happy to help you with any queries about product availability or provide you with details of maximum value of transactions. Customers can also shop online at www.postoffice.co.uk

	New branch		
Mail			
First & Second Class mail	✓		
Stamps, stamp books (1st class 6 & 12 only, 2nd class 12 only)	✓		
Special stamps (Christmas issue only) & postage labels	✓		
Signed For	✓		
Special Delivery	✓		
Home shopping returns	✓		
Inland small, medium & large parcels	✓		
Express & contract parcels	✓		
British Forces Mail (BFPO)	✓		
International letters & postcards (inc. signed for & Airsure)	✓		
International parcels up to 2kg & printed papers up to 5kg	✓		
Parcelforce Worldwide International parcels	✓		
Articles for the blind (inland & international)	✓		
Royal Mail redirection service	✓		
Local Collect	✓		
Drop & Go	✓		
Withdrawals, deposits and payments			
Post Office Card Account	✓		
All personal and business banking cash withdrawals, deposits, balance enquiries & enveloped cheque deposits (card, barcoded or manual)	✓		
Postal orders	✓		
Moneygram	✓		
Bill payments			
Bill payments (card, barcoded or manual)	✓		
Key recharging	✓		
Transcash (without barcode)	✓		
Driving			
Car tax	✓		
Licences			
Rod fishing licences	✓		
Travel			
Pre-order travel money	✓		
Travel insurance referral	✓		
Mobile Top-ups & E vouchers	✓		
Payment by cheque	✓		

# Code of Practice for changes to the Post Office® network

### What's a Code of Practice?

The Code of Practice contains guidelines we follow. They tell us how, and when to tell you about changes to your local Post Office services. We've worked with the independent statutory consumer watchdog on these guidelines, which in Great Britain is Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland, and in Northern Ireland, the Consumer Council.

### What kind of changes does it include?

Information about when we're planning to move or close one of our branches or outreach services. This also covers information about when a branch has suddenly closed unexpectedly because of something like a flood or fire.

# Who do we tell about changes?

You and your representatives (who are often local MPs or local authorities and councils).

# How will we tell you what's happening?

If there's a minor change – like changing opening times, then we'll let you know by putting up posters in the Post Office. If the plan is to move a Post Office then we'll put up posters and hand out letters in the branch as well as writing to your representatives. We'll have a press release and, the relevant information will be easy to find on our website.

#### How long will it take?

We'll let you know about any changes as soon as we possibly can. Sometimes, change is out of our control but we'll try to keep you as up-to-date about what's happening as much as we can. We try to make sure you have 4 weeks' notice before anything happens. If we're going to make big changes, there'll be a 'consultation period' which lasts about 6 weeks. This means that you've got time to let us know how you feel.

# It's easy to let us know what you think...

We want to hear what you and your representatives think about change and to make sure it's easy for you to let us know, all of our contact details can be found on all our posters and letters. You can contact us by email, letter or 'phone.

#### How will you find out about the final plans?

We'll be letting you know in as many ways as possible. There'll be posters put up in or around your local area, letting you know what's going on. We'll also write to local representatives and, the information will be on our website.

If you let us know what you think, we'll make sure you know about our final plans either by writing to you, or having the information easily available in the Post Office or on our website.

#### What can you do if you think we haven't followed the Code of Practice?

If you don't think we've followed the Code, then please write to us or email us via the contact details included in this letter and let us know why.

To have a look at the full Code of Practice, it's on our website at www.postofficeviews.co.uk