



Haringey Council

Appendix E – Proposed Scrutiny Event for Scrutiny of Post Office Closures in Haringey

Scrutiny Panel Review

Post Office Closure Proposals – meeting held in public

Wednesday 26 March 2008 – Civic Centre Council Chamber

The purpose of the meeting is to gather summary evidence on the impact that the closures will have on local people and to recommend that Post Office Ltd. take them into account before reaching a final decision on proposed closures in Haringey.

The meeting will consist of two sessions.

The first session will look at the rationale behind the proposals and give stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions of Post Office Ltd. and to put forward their own comments. The second session will examine in greater detail the likely impact of the specific closure proposals.

Agenda

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session will look at the general issues concerned with the proposed post office closures and the consultation process. Approximate timings will be as follows:

3:00 p.m.	Chair's welcome, opening remarks and explanation of process
3:10 p.m.	Presentation by Post Office Ltd on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The criteria and selection process for the 6 sub post offices in Haringey planned for closure• How conclusions were reached• What modelling was undertaken to assess the impact of the proposed closures• What the consequences will be of not undertaking some or all of the proposed closures• What the consultation programme with local people is.
3:25 p.m.	Presentation by Post Watch on their role and input into the proposals and how local residents can influence them.
3:35 p.m.	Questions to Post Office Ltd. and Postwatch by following (in order): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrutiny Panel• Local MPs• Leader and Cabinet Members• Ward and other Councillors• Other interested organisations
4:00 p.m.	Evidence from the National Federation of Sub Postmasters
4:20 p.m.	Comments from local MPs, the Leader, Cabinet Members and ward Councillors

4:45 p.m.	Any other general contributions from groups/organisations
5:00 p.m.	Tea/coffee/refreshments

Evening Session

The evening session will focus on the individual closures and how they affect localities. The meeting will split into two separate groups, each chaired by a Member of the Panel of Councillors looking at the issue. Each group will look at 3 particular closures and include local stakeholders relevant to them. They will, in particular, look at the following:

- How easy will it be to get to alternative post offices
- Possible other ways of obtaining services currently provided
- How the closures will affect local businesses, particularly shops
- The impact on vulnerable groups

The groups will be split as follows:

Group 1:

100, Alexandra Park Road, N10
Page Green, 100 Broad Lane, N15
434, West Green Road, N15

Group 2:

Salisbury Road, N22
69, Weston Park, N8
Ferme Park Road, N4

Pleased note that proposed closures within the same ward will be considered together.

Approximate timings will be as follows:

5:30 p.m.	Introduction by Chair of each Group	
	<i>Group 1:</i>	<i>Group 2:</i>
5:40 p.m.	100, Alexandra Park Road N10	Salisbury Road N22
6:10 p.m.	Page Green, 100 Broad Lane, N15 and 434, West Green Road, N15	69, Weston Park, N8 and Ferme Park Road, N4
7:10 p.m.	Break	
7:20 p.m.	Plenary session. The Scrutiny Panel will reconvene to consider; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General evidence from the afternoon session • Feedback from each of the two groups on specific closures • Appropriate conclusions and recommendations to Post Office Ltd. 	
8:00 p.m.	Close	