

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Panel Review of Post Office Closure Proposals

Meeting to be held in public

Wednesday 26 March 2008 – Civic Centre, Council Chamber

The purpose of the meeting is to gather 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. Individuals may submit questions that they wish to ask the Post Office or Postwatch in writing to the Chair either in advance or on the day. The second session will examine the likely impact of each of the closure proposals and will provide the opportunity for local residents and organisations to put their views forward.

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
3:05 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.
3:15 p.m.	Presentation by Post Watch on their role and input into the proposals and how local residents can influence them.
3:25 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence from the National Federation of Sub Postmasters
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
5:00 p.m.	Session ends

Agenda - 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
69, Weston Park, N8
Ferme Park Road, N4

Group 2:

Salisbury Road, N22
Page Green, 100 Broad Lane, N15
434, West Green Road, N15

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.	69, Weston Park, N8 and Ferme Park Road, N4	Page Green, 100 Broad Lane, N15 and 434, West Green Road, N15
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	