

**FULL COUNCIL (4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017)**  
**LIB DEM AMENDMENT TO LABOUR MOTION D**

**Proposer: Cllr Engert**

**Secunder: Cllr Newton**

Motion D: Crown Post Offices

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3 actual closures

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Tranche 2 – July 2016

A further 40-50 Crown Post Offices to be franchised which could include other Haringey offices.

Tranche 3 – January 2017

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Altogether placing up to 1,000 Post Office employee jobs at risk of transfer.

This Council believes:

- Franchising can work when appropriate measures are put in place to protect jobs, services and opening hours
- ~~Closure and franchising of our High Street Crown Post Offices is detrimental to our local communities.~~
- ~~The plan to move Post Offices into shops such as WH Smiths will mean a worsening of services, a potential loss of experienced staff and a possible deterioration of workers conditions such as pay and pensions.~~

This Council resolves:

- To support the Communication Workers Union and other relevant local unions to protect jobs and employee terms and conditions
- To work with local community groups to campaign to protect post offices, ensuring that any crown post office ear-marked for closure are retained as crown offices or franchises
- To work with the Post Office and franchisees to ensure that any franchised post office in the borough provides the same services and the same or better opening hours
- ~~To support local residents and community groups and businesses, the Communication Workers Union and other relevant local unions' who are campaigning to save the Haringey Crown Post Offices and helping to protect decent local jobs.~~
- ~~To write to Margot James, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Minister stating the council's opposition to the Crown Post Office closure and franchising programme.~~
- ~~To write to local MPs informing them of our position and encouraging them to oppose the Crown Post Office closure and franchising programme.~~

**To read as follows:**

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