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Post Office Chairman – Nigel Railton
Post Master's – Old Swan and Breck Rd
Leader of Liverpool City Council – Liam Robinson
Old Swan Councillors – William Shorthall and Mark Johnson
Everton Councillor – Ellie Byrne

November 14th 2024

Re: Crown Post Office Closures in Liverpool – Old Swan and Breck Road

All,

Firstly, I would like it noted that we the local community are fighting hard to keep essential local post offices open in Liverpool.

The Old Swan and Breck Road branches in Liverpool are two of 115 at risk across the country as part of a radical shake-up of the business, and as of 2020 there was 126 Crown Post Offices in the UK, so this is a near wipe out.

The Liberal Party are calling for a full equality impact assessment if the Post Office is to go ahead with the threatened closures.

I have been directing residents to the petition with 38 Degrees entitled Protect our Post Offices! which has over 65,000 signatures. The fact that so many people have signed this petition alone, demonstrates a clear appetite among UK residents to keep the post offices open.

I have encouraged everybody to make their voices heard and sign the petition to save the 115 Post Office Branches.

By way of this letter, The Liberal Party are requesting an urgent meeting with Post Office chairman Nigel Railton and the Post Master's of the local Branches affected in Liverpool to discuss the new deal being offered to Post Masters. We hope to be able to discuss the viability of the branches and how they could be retained.

Old Swan and Breck Road post offices are two of the most important destinations we have, because of the services they provide.

We have residents who aren't necessarily used to using online banking, who have come to rely on the services that the post office offers.

As there are not enough other places in Old Swan and Breck Road offering the same range of services, the Post Office needs to be clear about what it would do in the event of closure, to make sure that local people didn't lose the services.

Post Offices are cornerstones of our local communities, providing vital services and creating jobs for residents, and as such I am requesting the Leader of Liverpool City Council to hold an emergency meeting to oppose local Post Office closures and consider action to protect them.

I have concerns that the closure would force vulnerable residents to travel further afield, and the City Council should call on all stakeholders including the Post Office and local representatives to find a solution.

Many still hugely rely on its services to pay bills, tax their vehicles and more, while businesses across Old Swan and the Breck Road area are now having to use it for their daily banking needs due to the closure of multiple bank branches in the past couple of years.

Yours faithfully

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