



Putney, Roehampton and Southfields

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Dear Resident,

Proposal to close the Lower Richmond Road post office

You may be aware that plans to close the last Post Office in Lower Richmond Road - the one on the corner of Erpingham Road - have been announced.

I am writing to ask for your help in fighting these plans. I believe we have a strong case to make against closure of this branch. Lower Richmond Road has already lost one post office opposite the petrol station and the geographical isolation of this part of Putney, on the edge of Putney Common, the river and the mainline railway, I believe justify retaining this post office.

If the closure proceeds the nearest post office will be in Upper Richmond Road: half an hour's walk or a couple of bus journeys away. It is, frankly, laughable for the Post Office to suggest that alternatives in Barnes, New Kings Road or Fulham Road are also "in the area". And, though it will probably cut no ice with the powers that be, the fact that yours is a genuine community which values services like its local post office is sufficient ground for me to do all I can to save it.

So what can you do to help save your post office?

- First, make your views known during the formal consultation. We have until 02 April to submit comments - please write to **Anita Turner, Network Development Manager, Post Office Ltd. FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM** making it clear you are referring to **Lower Richmond Road (209) branch**. Or you can email consultation@postoffice.co.uk.

You can download a standard response, sign my online petition or find out more about getting involved from my website: www.stuartking.net/postoffice

- Second, please display the enclosed poster in a prominent window. It's important to generate media interest and raise awareness in the community, so if you have children, talk to fellow parents at school, nursery or playgroup. If you are a member of a tenants or residents association raise it there - whatever you can do to highlight our campaign. It would be great to present the media with a sea of campaign posters along local streets.
- Third, I've enclosed a campaign petition card which is the easiest way possible for you to register your views - just fill it in and return it to me freepost. I'll submit the cards at the beginning of April as part of my formal presentation against the closure plans.
- Finally, please show this letter and talk to other members of your household - to avoid duplication, save paper and get this campaign up and running more quickly, I've just sent it to one person at each address in the area.

I look forward to working with you to help save the Lower Richmond Road post office.

Yours sincerely,

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