



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Member for Eastwood

Mark Gibson
External Affairs Manager
Post Office

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Dear Mark,

**Closure of Clarkston Post Office, 28 Eaglesham Road, Clarkston, GLASGOW, G76 7DH
By E-Mail**

I am contacting you in relation to the closure of the above postal branch in my constituency and the late notification from the Post Office about this unwanted development.

It is very disappointing that the closure was only confirmed and communicated with little more than 24 hours remaining before the withdrawal of services from the Clarkston Post Office at 2pm on Saturday.

The cancellation of postal services from any local branch is always a matter of concern but to have only one day's notice that a key service for a significant number of my constituents would cease only adds to this disappointment.

The loss of the Clarkston Post Office for the third time in recent years will be a major blow for local people who access the services at the Eaglesham Road branch. And I can say as a local resident who uses the grocery store on a weekly basis, the Post Office is always well utilised and there is a clear need for a branch in the area.

I have expressed on countless occasions over the years, my frustration at the loss of vital local postal services in Eaglesham, at the Broomburn Shops and the Avenue Shopping Centre. For Sheddens to again be added to that list after services were restored in December 2020 following the previous closure is a deeply dissatisfactory situation.

I would ask that the Post Office treat the matter of restoring postal services to Sheddens as a matter of priority and ensure that a functioning local branch can be back up and running at the earliest opportunity.

The experience of previous postal closures in Eastwood suggests that there is a diminished prospect of re-establishing a Post Office branch if the closure is over a longer period and it is vital that services can be returned to Sheddens in the short possible timescale.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Jackson Carlaw CBE MSP
Member of the Scottish Parliament for Eastwood