

Consultation Decision

**Post Office® Rippingale branch,
5 Middle Street, Rippingale, Bourne, Lincolnshire, PE10 0SU**

Why close Post Office® branches?

The Government has, after a national public consultation, decided that the overall number of Post Office® branches in the UK should be reduced. Customer numbers are falling, customer habits are changing and many traditional services are available elsewhere.

What does this mean for this branch?

We have recently conducted a local public consultation on the proposal to outreach this Post Office® branch. We have fully considered the views of the local community, alongside all feedback received from both individuals and their elected and community representatives, as part of the local consultation process.

The decision on the future of this branch is currently on hold as a result of a request from Postwatch, the independent consumer watchdog. Following this request a further review will take place and a final decision will be announced as soon as possible.

What happens next?

Post Office Ltd would like to thank all respondents for their input which provided us with detailed local knowledge to factor into our decision making process for the East Midlands area plan. We expect the further review process to be concluded in the next few weeks. As soon as this process has been completed, we will confirm the final decision for this branch, please look out for further information in branch.

If you would like further information please contact the Post Office® customer helpline on 08457 22 33 44. For details of other Post Office® branches please visit our website at www.postoffice.co.uk

A leaflet is also available within the branch which gives details about Postwatch, the independent consumer watchdog.