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Dear All,

On Monday 1st October 2007 the Post Office will go public with its list of branches that it will be closing.

Unfortunately our branch is one of those that has been identified for compulsory closure. This decision has been made despite the increase in trade at the Post Office over the last 18 months.

I have met with Post Office representatives to discuss the possibility of the decision being overturned. They have told me the only thing that would have any influence would be a development in the village of considerable size. This has obviously disappointed us as we were led to believe that Rippingale was safe from closure whilst we were purchasing the business.

We are currently in a position of negotiating with the local postmaster to provide an outreach branch at the store. This will open for a set amount of hours during the week. We will not be permitted to operate Post Office outside of these hours. We will however now be able to restart the pre pay electric and bill payments through pay zone or pay point. Cash will also be available to debit card holders via a cash back system through the shop.

We really do appreciate the start that the village has given to us and will do our best to continue in the same way.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on the above number. .

Simon Deane

30 September 2007