

The Rt. Hon Quentin Davies MP
Nick Boles PCC

Dear Mr. Davies and Mr. Boles,

Many thanks to you both for visiting Rippingale on Saturday – your support is very much appreciated by the village and not least by Simon Deane, our sub-Postmaster, who's under enormous pressure, just having taken over the role.

We thought it worthwhile summarising what we regard as the most important elements of our campaign and of where we would most appreciate your help and influence.

The first is clearly that we feel we're working somewhat in the dark. PO Ltd., refuse point-blank to give us the information they're using to assess the criteria in our case.

Since we will be the ones suffering from the consequences of that decision, we think it's only natural justice that we're told how they're reaching it.

However, our demands for PO Ltd. to open their books have thus far been met with flat refusal. Any help you can offer in this direction, any pressure you could put on PO Ltd. to comply with our demand, would be highly appreciated.

As you know, we have used information in the public domain to challenge and refute aspects of their access criteria and to demonstrate their contempt for the public consultation process.

We should also make it clear that there is a unanimous view here that PO Ltd "Outreach" plans are simply unsuitable and unworkable in Rippingale.

Other information we would like verified would be:

- The distances to nearest alternative POs they're using to assess closure and the lack of suitable alternatives
- Whether they've researched or are aware of public transport availability
- Whether they've researched or are aware of the social organisation of the village in particular the numbers of elderly and disabled
- Whether they've taken into account the increase in business in the Rippingale store/PO in the last 18 months. Is PO Ltd losing money in Rippingale?
- Whether they've taken into account the 50% planned expansion in the village size in the Lincolnshire CC/SKDC "Local service Centres" plans.

Many thanks again for all your help.

Jim Latham

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