

Government not listening about PO closures
Election disaster self-inflicted

The Government has failed to take any notice of the strength of feeling over Post Office closures – a major contributory factor to Thursday's Local Election annihilation.

Villagers fighting to save their local branch in Rippingale (Lincs) wait with interest Gordon Brown's post-election promise to start listening to voters' views.

Phil Rippingale for the local support group said "There was a string of ill-thought out, badly flawed policies, including PO closures where the Government failed to take any notice of constructive, mutually beneficial suggestions. They refused to listen to local residents, Local Councils, local MPs and to their own Parliamentary Select Committee, all of whom pointed out better ways to achieve their aims. But Gordon Brown is too arrogant to back-track even when he is plainly wrong and has left the electorate believing he's anti-rural communities and prefers dictatorship to democracy. Thursday's disaster could have been avoided – we have very little sympathy for him – it's all been self inflicted. He's said he will now listen – there's only one way he can demonstrate that he really is."

Supporters of Rippingale PO are still waiting responses to questions raised by MP Quentin Davies and sub-postmaster Simon Deane at their latest meeting with senior PO managers, more than a month ago.

Mr. Davies has written once again to PO Ltd, demanding answers to questions, particularly about the cost of options to full closure offered to the village and he promises to take the matter up directly with Government ministers if no reply is forthcoming.

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