

Press Release

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Local Residents Should Be Told The Detail Of Post Office Closure Plans

A leading Stafford Liberal Democrat has today hit out at the Government's failure to give only vaguest information on its plan to close many local post offices.

Councillor Barry Stamp, Stafford Borough Council's Liberal Democrat Group Leader said he was appalled at despite the nationwide unrest over the future of many smaller post offices the Government had announced they will continue with their plan to close at least 2,500 without giving any firm details of what that plan involved.

"It is outrageous that the Government have ignored the concerns of local people and are continuing with their plan to close at least 2,500 post offices across the Country. That equates to one in five of all existing post offices shutting, which means we are almost certain to lose yet more post offices here in Stafford and the surrounding rural areas. However if that was not bad enough they are refusing to say which post offices are under threat, but instead will let the news trickle out over the next eighteen months. This is an appalling situation, which is no doubt designed to stop a general outcry from being raised. Along with many local people and organisations, I have been campaigning against the closure plans in the Stafford area and will now be stepping up the fight once again. We must send a clear, strong message to the Government saying we value the service that all the post offices in the Stafford area are giving to their local communities and that it is time they came clean and explained their plans in detail. At least then people will know where they stand and will be able to plan their fight to keep their local post office open if it does appear on the list. Just giving the minimum amount of information is indefensible and leaves local communities worried and uncertain about the future," said Cllr Stamp.

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