



COLLIESTON AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Haven
26 Low Town
Collieston
Ellon
AB41 8RQ

7th July 2008

Sally Buchanan
Network Development Manager
Post Office Ltd

Dear Ms Buchanan,

Collieston Post Office, High Town, Collieston, Ellon AB41 8RS

I am writing on behalf of Collieston Amenities Committee, which represents the village of Collieston and wider parish of Slains.

We are very concerned at the proposal to reduce opening hours to a token three hours a week outreach service. Collieston Post Office lies at the heart of village life, and is regarded as a vital part of the community's well being. By effectively losing the service with such a draconian measure, we feel that this will only contribute to an erosion of a very valued part of rural life.

In any event, the proposed new hours of 9.30 to 12.30 will not serve the community well, as many of the residents work elsewhere during these times. We are asking that the post office considers the alternative time of Saturday morning. Also, if the village shop were to close at some time in the future, we would also ask that consideration be made of the provision of a mobile service – again on a Saturday morning.

We await your reply,

Sally Sheehan
Secretary