

Full Council - 29th October 2007

**Motion selected for debate by Councillor Paul Lorber,
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.**

Protecting our Post Offices.

This Council regrets the loss of services to Brent residents as a result of the Labour Government's Post Office closure programme.

4,000 Post Offices have already closed under Labour and at least 2,500 more closures are planned in the next year. In Brent, the Labour Government have closed 10 Post Offices in recent years, in areas such as Tokyngton, Willesden, Mapesbury, Dollis Hill, Preston and Alperton.

Under Labour's latest plans, another five Post Offices in Brent may close.

Council reaffirms its belief that Post Offices serve a vital role in our communities and are key to providing access to services, including financial services, particularly for those without easy mobility.

This Council has seen too many local facilities close. We call on the Executive and any Scrutiny Task Group to forcefully make the case against ANY further Post Office closures in Brent.

Council condemns the fact Post Office Ltd are already considering which branches to close in Brent but will not announce these until April 2008. We call on Post Office bosses to come clean on their plans, and on the Labour Government to keep their hands off Brent's remaining Post Office branches.