

Email sent to Councillor Andy Smith, Leader of LDC and Councillor Keith Glazier, Leader of ESCC:

Dear Leaders,

As you may be aware, here in Newhaven there is a strong campaign to resist the closure of Newhaven's Crown Post Office. Recently the Town Council wrote to the Minister Margot James in her capacity as Minister for Post Offices and MP Maria Caulfield, to request that they support the campaign. For your information I attach these two letters.

It is appreciated that the threat of losing local Crown Post Offices is present to many local communities and Lewes town has been one of those communities to lose such a facility. In the case of Newhaven however there is little to ignite vitality, and its loss would have a severe impact on a town centre which is already on its knees.

The Town Council responded to the recent consultation by the post office on its proposals to close the Crown Post Office, highlighting amongst other things that:

- The significant growth planned for Newhaven (some 1700 homes), would increase the sustainability of a Crown Post Office
- It is untimely in a town which has been designated an Enterprise Zone with a significant growth forecast in business floorspace, employment and employees.
- Newhaven is an appropriate town to have a Crown Post Office, as it is a port town where biometric enrolments will be in demand.
- There has been a steady increase year on year of this service, with 2016-17 seeing 2,330 Biometric Enrolments taking place at Newhaven.

At a recent Extraordinary Council meeting which took place specifically to discuss the issue of the Crown Post Office and at the Planning and Development Committee meeting which took place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Councillors were keen to be assured that both Lewes District Council and East Sussex County Council would do all they can to support the local campaign.

In addition it was requested that a meeting be arranged with you both and local Councillors in Newhaven involved with the campaign, so that further discussion can be had regarding the gravity of this threat to Newhaven Town Centre.

Responses from the Minister and MP are awaited, but I would be grateful to hear from you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'June Dyer', written in a cursive style.

Cllr June Dyer  
Mayor of Newhaven