

HARROW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2004

Threatened Closure of local Post Offices

Resolution from the Board

The Board Members of the Harrow Strategic Partnership are seriously concerned by the Post Office's (POL) proposal to close nine post offices in the Borough of Harrow.

This Partnership deplores the fact that:

- ❑ The consultation period has been too brief to allow adequate consultation with regular customers
- ❑ The closures will disproportionately affect the elderly, people with disabilities and those without access to transport by car
- ❑ It will create unnecessary pressure at remaining post offices
- ❑ The closures will threaten nearby businesses by removing passing trade and have an impact upon the vibrancy of localities

The Partnership supports the community's opposition to the closures and demands the removal of the threat of closure on the grounds that the social impact outweighs any possible commercial benefit to POL. Further the Partnership recommends that existing Post Offices be upgraded to provide services that are relevant to local needs thereby ensuring their increased use with local residents