

## **Bradway Action Group**

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Dear Ms Bargh

### **Advertised Closure of Bradway Sub-Branch**

I'm writing on behalf of the people of Bradway to express considerable disquiet at the announcement that your Twentywell Lane, Bradway, Sub-Branch is set to close in July.

Bradway Action Group (BAG) has received representations about this from several local residents. Another is organising a petition calling for the decision to be reversed. As well as being dismayed by the proposal itself, BAG is concerned that there appears to have been no attempt to consult with or justify the decision to local residents and businesses, many of whom rely on the local branch to facilitate their day-to-day affairs.

It is ironic that this proposal should come to light at the very time the bank is boasting of its credentials for supporting people and communities. I have to say, too, that this branch often seems to be busy, so it is difficult to understand the rationale behind the decision.

The bank and shops at the top of Twentywell Lane are important to the well being of Bradway, and the closure of any one of them, especially the bank, poses a threat to the economic viability of the others, and hence to the community as a whole. Elderly and/or disabled people would be particularly badly hit, especially those unable to drive or to use public transport.

On the assumption that this proposal has come from your regional office I would ask you to forward them my concerns and my hopes that they will think again. At the very least, I would ask for the decision to be deferred to allow more time for local views to be expressed, and for any alternative arrangements to be explained.

Yours sincerely



Peter Stubbs  
Chairman

cc Nick Clegg, MP  
Cllr Keith Hill  
Cllr Joe Otten  
Cllr Colin Ross