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Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Mr Penton,

**Watton Post Office**

Thank you for your update to me, dated Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. It is very reassuring for my constituents and I to know the location of the replacement branch of Watton Post Office (which I know, anecdotally, is a very popular choice), and to see that the formal consultation period is now underway.

As you will appreciate however, in the absence of confirmation that the new Post Office branch will be opened ready for the Festive period, there remains considerable concerns within the town. With a population of over 7,000, and with many elderly residents without the use of a vehicle, Watton has a very large demand for Post Office services – and this will, of course, be greatly heightened in the run up to Christmas. For many, travel to Post Offices in either Shipdham or Thompson will not be practical or sufficient – especially as we edge deeper into winter.

I would, therefore, greatly appreciate your reassurances that a proper postal service will be in operation in Watton throughout the Christmas period. It is imperative that those living in and around the town can have full access to the services they require at such a busy time of the year.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Freeman".

George Freeman MP