

## Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Blaby Branch

Following the closure announcement of this Branch on 16 October 2020 we have been engaging with customers and members of the local community.

### Customer and stakeholder contact

We have written to all customers who have either opened an account at this Branch, use it often or live nearby. This letter has given customers details of the nearest alternative Branches, the services available at the nearest Post Office®, how to access the Impact of Closure report, alternative ways to bank information and the bank's contact details.

Posters have been displayed at the Branch with details of the nearest HSBC UK Branch and cash machines and Post Office® counter. We have also made copies of the Impact of Closure document available at Blaby Branch.

During the Covid-19 pandemic we have been unable to hold our usual face to face meetings with customers. We have however been proactively calling customers who are reliant on Branch services to provide advice on the alternatives available to them. These customers are not registered for either Online, Mobile or Telephone banking and we have been discussing how they can use these channels to access their usual banking services. We have also discussed the availability of nearby HSBC UK Branches as well as the services available from the Post Office.

Following the closure, customers will be able to visit any HSBC UK Branch for advice and guidance on banking with us.

Our business relationship managers have also been telephoning their customers to discuss options that suit their needs.

We contacted the following key stakeholders and provided contact details should customer queries or concerns be brought to their attention:

- Citizens Advice
- Which?
- Age UK
- Alzheimer's Society

We wrote to Alberto Costa, constituency MP, on 25 February to advise the Branch would be closing in July and offered to meet to explain the reasons for the decision and to discuss how we are supporting our customers. We wrote again on 15 April to advise that, due to the impact of Covid-19, we were delaying the closure of Blaby Branch until October.

We have engaged with the nearest Post Office® to the Branch, to ensure that it is fully aware that we are closing, aware of the services it can provide to our customers and to address any questions they may have.

## **Customer and stakeholder reaction/feedback**

- We received contact from the offices of Alberto Costa, constituency MP, who appreciated our decision to push back the date of closure due to the impact on the community of Covid-19.
- In conversation between colleagues and customers there has been general disappointment expressed at the closure of the branch and concerns raised on accessing banking services once the branch has closed.
- We have visited the local Post Offices® and had a meeting with the local Post Master and discussed the services that they can offer to our customers.
- We have been proactively contacting Potentially Vulnerable Customers who use Blaby Branch to discuss the alternative ways in which they can access their usual banking services, including those available at the local Post Office®.

## **Follow up action taken**

- We recognize that not all of our customers will be able to use our digital services. We have therefore proactively asked the Post Master for a supply of the envelopes our customers will need to use and we have given them out to customers over the last 6 months.
- We have encouraged our customers to visit the Post Office® whilst we are still open to experience the services available and to provide reassurance before the branch closes.
- Where appropriate we have been taking this opportunity to register customers for Internet, Telephone and Mobile Banking and have been showing customers how to bank their cheques via the Mobile App which has been successful.

## **Contacting the bank after closure**

Following the closure of this Branch if you have any questions or need advice on how to access our services you can contact us in the following ways:

- Visit any HSBC UK Branch
- Contact us on 03457 404 404 (+44 1226 261 010 from outside the UK)



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