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Dear Ms. Vennells,

Holbrook Post Office

Holbrook Parish Council is very concerned that the transfer of the Holbrook Post Office to the flourishing Village Store has now been refused, when it had previously been accepted and was scheduled to go ahead at the beginning of May.

As you are no doubt aware the Village Store has recently been taken over and revitalised by Craig and Tracey Barker. When customers enter the store they are very warmly welcomed with a bright smile and friendly greeting. The Store is used by people from a very wide area and has gained a very good reputation since being taken over by the Barkers.

The Store is regularly used by local disabled residents without encountering any difficulties, and the inclusion of Post Office facilities would make this an ideal one stop provider of all their needs, particularly for all those restricted to the village for their shopping needs. We would point out that our village is in a rural area covered by Conservation Area restrictions and, therefore, a balance has to be maintained between practicality and the restrictions imposed.

My Council would also remind you of the closure of several Post Offices in the area over the past few years including, Bargate, Coxbench, Openwoodgate and at least two in Belper, resulting in long queues at the Belper Main Office to say nothing of the inconvenience of having to travel into Belper, often by bus for our elderly and less able parishioners.

We would request that you urgently review the situation with regard to the transfer of the Holbrook Post Office to the Village Store.

Yours sincerely,

Glenys Briggs
Clerk