

Closing Branch Review – Part 2

Withington Manchester

Before we made the decision to permanently close the Withington Manchester branch we carried out a thorough review to understand what impact a branch closure would have on both customers and the wider community.

Communicating this change to customers

We are committed to the Access to Banking Standard and observe the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority – 'FG 22/6: Branch and ATM closures or conversions'. This means we took a range of factors into account before we decided to close the branch, and these are outlined in the Closing Branch Review – Part 1 document, which we published when the closure was announced. You can view it at lloydsbank.com/branchclosures

After talking to branch colleagues, we wrote to customers of the Withington Manchester branch to let them know about the closure. In the event of a branch closure, we will always give customers at least 12 weeks' notice, and in many cases even longer. This means they've got plenty of time to consider their options.

We displayed a poster in branch notifying customers of the closure and staff spoke to customers about other ways to do their banking, including PhoneBank, Mobile and Online Banking, as well as visiting the Post Office. We also made customers aware of alternative branches and free ATMs nearby.

Engaging with the local community

Who we contacted to understand the impact of the branch closure.

- Jeff Smith MP for Manchester, Withington
- Banking Team and Senior Representatives from the Post Office
- Post Office Area Manager responsible for nearest three Post Offices to our closing branch
- National Federation of Sub Postmasters
- Manchester Citizens Advice Bureau
- Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

The feedback we received and what we did

- A number of regular customers were upset that the branch was closing. We spent time with our customers to understand their individual circumstances and supported them by explaining the most suitable banking options for them. This included discussing setting up online and telephone banking as well as explaining what services are available at the Post Office.
- Jeff Smith MP wrote to us and asked for details of the independent assessment carried out by LINK. He explained a high number of vulnerable residents live in Withington who will struggle to access alternative branches. We wrote back explaining the alternative banking services that will be available locally, and the assessment we carried out. We also put Mr Smith in touch with LINK to address any further concerns.

What we have done to help make the change smoother

- We've called individual customers we know use the branch as their main way of banking with us, including customers that may need extra support, to talk to them about alternative ways to bank and to provide help if they need it.
- We have introduced a dedicated telephony team to provide support after the branch closes to identified customers who may need extra support.
- We have partnered with the Digital Helpline who offer free one to one guidance over the phone to support customers to use the internet for banking. Customers with an identified need for this service have been provided with contact details enabling them to get free support.
- Our colleagues at Withington Manchester branch have been given the training they need to have in-depth conversations with our customers, especially those who may need extra support, about how we can help them.



The Withington Manchester branch will close permanently on 8 January 2024

This follows engagement with customers and the local community.



All your account details will stay the same

There will be no change to customer account numbers, sort codes, standing orders, direct debits, cards or PINs.



Your nearest branches are Market Street Manchester and Stockport

You can also use any Lloyds Bank branch to do your banking.

Read on to see other ways you can bank



We're here to help and support you before and after the branch closes



If you're a Personal customer call us on **0345 300 0000**.
If you're a Business customer call us on **0345 072 5555**.



Speak to one of our branch colleagues.



If you're a Commercial Banking customer, you can talk to your Relationship Manager.



If we can't resolve your problems. Contact us using the details available at the end of this document.



Other ways to bank

Internet Banking, Mobile Banking and PhoneBank services

These services give you access to your accounts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To find out more information about these services or to register please visit [lloydsbank.com](https://www.lloydsbank.com)

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- **Make free cash withdrawals** using your debit card and PIN

Personal customers - up to £300 per day, limits may vary

Business customers - up to £700 per day, limits may vary

- **Check your account balance**

- **Pay some bills** - for more information about the bills you can pay, ask at the Post Office or go to [postoffice.co.uk/bill-payments](https://www.postoffice.co.uk/bill-payments)

- **Pay in cash**

Personal customers

- using your debit card and PIN - up to £2,995 per calendar month for each account holder

- or a pre-printed paying in slip - up to £1,000 per calendar month. It'll take up to at least one extra day to clear in your account

Business customers

- using your debit card and PIN - up to £40,000 per calendar month - maximum of £4,995 per transaction

- or a pre-printed paying in slip. It will take at least one extra day to clear in your account

- **Pay cheques** - into your current and savings account using your pre-printed paying in slip and cheque envelope.

To order personalised pre-printed paying in slips or cheque deposit envelopes - both items can be ordered from us or found in any Lloyds Bank branch. Cheque envelopes are also available at the Post Office.

The Post Office also has a Change Giving service for business customers.

To find out more about Post Office services:

Personal customers visit [lloydsbank.com/postoffice](https://www.lloydsbank.com/postoffice)

Business customers visit [lloydsbank.com/business/retail-business/banking-with-us/post-office](https://www.lloydsbank.com/business/retail-business/banking-with-us/post-office) You may be able to do some banking at a Post Office however restrictions may apply.

To find your most convenient Post Office and its opening times, please visit [postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder](https://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder)



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If you need support due to a disability please get in touch.



If you need to tell us something

If you want to make a complaint – you'll find helpful information at: lloydsbank.com/contact-us/how-to-complain To speak to us, call: 0800 072 3572 (+44 173 346 2267 outside the UK). Lines are open all day, every day. You can also visit us in branch.

When you call us – calls and online sessions may be monitored and recorded. Not all Telephone Banking services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Things you need to know

We observe the requirements of the **Financial Conduct Authority Final Guidance 'FG22/6: Branch and ATM closures or conversions'** www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg22-6.pdf

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