COUNCIL

 7 JANUARY 2021

 MOTION

Warsop Sorting Office motion

The Postmaster at Warsop Post Office has recently informed the Parish Council that Royal Mail will be closing the Sorting Office in Warsop and relocating the service to the Mansfield Woodhouse or Mansfield Sorting Office from as soon as March 2021. This decision has been made with no consultation with the people of Warsop Parish, Mansfield District Council or Warsop Parish Council and will have a significant negative impact on anybody that misses the delivery of their parcels or signed for correspondence meaning they have to collect it from one of these other Sorting Offices.

Any decision to close Sorting Offices or Post Offices impacts on the lives of the residents of Mansfield. When a decision is taken to close a Sorting Office residents are often left with a reduction in the services that a remaining Post Office may offer resulting in fewer people using the Post Office and jeopardising the future of the branch. For many people their local Post Office is the closest thing that they have to a bank and the closure of a Post Office can also result in the closure of associated cash machines. As we all know there is currently a national campaign urging people to “shop local” and support their local independent businesses so this decision which is likely to result in the reduction in the footfall into Warsop Town Centre and thereby impact on other businesses which goes totally against this campaign.

Sadly the impact being faced by the people of Warsop is one that other communities within Mansfield face or will potentially face in the future.

This decision has clearly been made in isolation without considering any of the points raised or the impact of the COVID, the mutation of the virus clearly shows that despite the rollout of a vaccination unfortunately this pandemic is going to continue for a considerable amount of time.

This motion requests the the Executive Mayor writes to Keith Williams, Chairman of Royal Mail on behalf of the Council to ask that:

1. the decision to close the Warsop Sorting Office is reviewed to seriously consider the significant impacts this closure would have; and
2. that any decision to close Post Offices or Sorting Offices within the Mansfield area are carefully considered to assess the impact on our residents and that proper consultation with the Council and the communities affected is undertaken.

Proposed by Cllr Andy Burgin

Seconded by Cllr Debra Barlow

Supported by Executive Mayor Andy Abrahams, Cllr Andy Wetton, Cllr Phil Shields, Cllr Mick Barton