

Blairgowrie Reduced Opening Hours Review.



We have talked with the local community about the reduced opening hours in our Blairgowrie branch on 29 July 2019.

Who we spoke to

- The local Member of Parliament, Pete Wishart MP
- The constituency Member of the Scottish Parliament, John Swinney MSP
- The offices of the regional Members of the Scottish Parliament
- Local ward Councillors
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Local Federation of Small Businesses
- Local Citizens Advice Bureau
- Lending Standards Board - the governing body responsible for overseeing the Access to Banking Standards

What was said

- TSB was asked about the impact of these changes on those customers who require additional support and assistance
- TSB was asked about the long term future of the branch and the rationale behind the change in opening hours
- TSB was asked about the impact on the staff that work at the branch
- TSB was asked about the merits of mobile banking as opposed to maintaining a physical presence in local communities through reduced opening hours
- TSB was asked about the consideration the business had given to banking hubs shared by multiple service providers

What we've done

- We've written to our customers to let them know about the change in opening hours, why we have come to this decision and the different ways they can bank with us. This information is available in branch as well as online
- We have confirmed that there are no current plans for further changes to our branch network, but that for the branch to be viable in the long-term, we will need to see customers choosing to bank there
- We have confirmed that there will be no job losses as a result of this change
- We explained that the bank sees maintaining a physical presence in local communities as important and that this is preferable to mobile banking
- We have confirmed that the bank would be eager to discuss the feasibility of banking hubs being established in the future, noting that these are not without challenges

Details correct to the best of our knowledge at time of print June 2019, but please check for your convenience. For more information about our decision to reduce the opening hours at this branch, please visit tsb.co.uk/our-branches

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