

Labour outperform Tories on Post Office closures

The closure of so many post offices makes no sense, as Cllr Peter Baillie stated (*Daily Echo*, February 19). He is quite right to say that the closure of the Bitterne Park triangle Post Office is nonsensical.

It makes no sense that a 210 million pound government programme called the “*Post Office Urban Network Reinvention Programme*” actually has 180 million pounds allocated for costs incurred in closing Post Offices.

Post Offices need to be financially viable. For that they require a proper business plan, as the Liberal Democrats propose with a nationwide marketing campaign, increased services and fewer restrictions to encourage more Post Office counters within existing shops.

Who would have thought in 1997 that Labour would outperform the Conservative’s 3,334 Post Office closures in 18 years? Well, under Labour 3,595 were closed between 1997 and 2004, and 400 more are planned this year.

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