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Dear Shirine

I write to raise the future of the Dawley Co-op branch in my constituency of Telford, which has been earmarked for closure.

The loss of any much-loved local Co-op is felt across the community it serves and I would be most grateful if you were able to set out the reasons in this specific case.

Crucially, the branch contains a Post Office which is relied on by much of the community, many of whom are elderly or do not have a car. Dawley is a close-knit community and much like other parts of the country, the Co-op is an important amenity for all.

If there is any way I can help to protect the branch from closure please let me know. This matter was brought to my attention by excellent local Cllrs Sam Deakin and Kate Barnes, who I understand have been liaising with both the community and the Co-op itself.

I intend to raise the prospective closure of this important community asset in the House of Commons and would be grateful to hear your response beforehand. I would also welcome a meeting in Parliament with a representative of the Co-Op to discuss this further.

I will also send a copy of this letter to my friend and colleague Paul Scully MP, the Minister responsible for Post Offices, who I know is most supportive of local branches.

I look forward to your response.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Lucy Allan', written in a cursive style.

Lucy Allan
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