

Rachel Tibbetts

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To: DC Support
Subject: Kirtlington Post Office Stores, Kirtlington Ref 21/00369/F

I write in support of the application by Rachel Khogli to change the use of the above property to a private dwelling. For many years I believe that we were the shop's biggest customers, using it for our main weekly shopping and spending on average over £100 per week. Latterly, after our children left home, we spent an average of £40 - £50 per week, excluding newspapers. However, we have been aware for a few years that the shop was suffering from lack of custom, in spite of efforts in the village to encourage its greater use, and that the Kohlis were finding that the business was losing money. In the last year or so two further factors have arisen: firstly a marked increase in the village of home deliveries from the supermarkets; and secondly the opening of an excellent coop shop in Bletchington.

It is very sad when a village shop closes because it is a focal point and a meeting place for the villagers. However, I believe that it is no longer economically viable to run a village shop in Kirtlington.

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