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Mr Gavin Knott
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Dear Mr Knott

Ref. Securing the Universal Postal Service Consultation

I can accept allowing Royal Mail the freedom to set first class stamp prices with the safeguards in the consultation put in place, as long as this does not allow Royal Mail to set different first class prices for delivery to or collection from different parts of the country. The principle of the same price for delivery and collection throughout the country must be maintained. Also there must be a credible threat to intervene to cap first class prices if Royal Mail is using excessive first class prices to generate excessive profits.

I think the cap on second class prices would be too high at 55p. Inevitably Royal Mail will set the price at the higher cap. Future price rises should be limited to CPI not RPI. This is the Government's measure of inflation used for pension and benefit increases and also the Bank of England's preferred measure of inflation.

Yours sincerely

Alan Reid MP

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