As someone who is in dispute with my immediate neighbour regarding anti social behaviour where the police have been involved, I feel that just opting out of the scheme and leaving a sticker on my door is not secure enough and gives me no protection for the safety of my mail. Royal Mail ask that it is displayed somewhere visible near the letter box - my neighbours pass my front door every day and could easily remove any sticker if they so wished.

Sadly, neighbour relations are not always as we would wish them to be and I am sure there must be many others in similar circumstances who would share these concerns.

Surely in this age of technology the person delivering could have a computer list of numbers on their round who have opted out of the scheme – or are there going to be too many?

I see from the Royal Mail website that people would be compensated if neighbours dispute whether items have been left with them, but I would want the item not compensation!