

Additional comments:

Royal Mail Delivery to Neighbourhood Scheme- third submission

Having only just been able to open the PDF Ofcom Stakeholder Consultation Document, (courtesy of a Friend as I do not have my own website) I am truly astounded at some of its content. It truly beggars belief that a Public Body such as Royal Mail could put forward as a reason for delivery of mail to a Neighbour that there is a car in the drive or a window open - obvious signs that the Neighbour is honest!!!!

My Friend says (tongue-in-cheek) how would a postman/woman know if an open window meant a burglary was taking place with the car in the drive a get-away vehicle? Ridiculous perhaps, but no more so than the stupid ill-thought-out scheme submitted by Royal Mail. Yes, we can joke about this stupidity between ourselves, but it really is a serious matter, as I am sure you will note from the very many submissions you have received pointing out the many factors which have either not been considered by Royal Mail, or just totally ignored. That Ofcom can say they intend to agree with the scheme only shows that they too have just accepted Royal Mail's word that the public are happy with the scheme and not had the forethought to consider its many adverse consequences.

I was further astounded at the mention of opt-out stickers being totally free. How kind!

I reiterate that, if this ridiculous scheme is really to go ahead then make it an opt-in scheme and let those who agree with it (probably because they have not taken the time to discover what it is really all about) put a sticker on their doors.

Being an older person I have always liked to write and post letters rather than use technology, of which I have always been slightly dubious. However, I am now beginning to warm to the idea.

Question 1:Do you agree that Ofcom should grant approval to Royal Mail for the Delivery to Neighbour service? If not please explain your answer. :

No, for the reasons given above.

Question 2:Are there other consequences following the roll out of the service across the UK that we have not included in our assessment? If so, please explain.:

Yes, as stated above.

Question 3:Do you have any comments on the scope and wording of the proposed Notification and approval:

Yes, as stated above.