

THE ALDEBURGH SOCIETY

(Registered Charity Number 262239)

**47 Park Road
Aldeburgh
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Simon Smith
Regional Director, Eastern
Wealth Management
Barclays,
3 St James Court,
Norwich, NR3 1RJ

Dear Mr Smith

The proposed closure of the Barclays Bank branch, Aldeburgh High Street

You have been contacted by the President of the Aldeburgh Society, Mr Tony Bone, about the proposed closure of the Aldeburgh Branch of Barclays Bank. You kindly responded to Tony that the closure is to go ahead but that the bank would entertain suggestions about where an ATM might be placed.

The Society welcomes dialogue about the retention of the ATM and will work with the ATC to find a suitable location if necessary but we remain vigorously opposed to the closure and ask for the decision to close to be rescinded.

I write as Chair of the Aldeburgh Society today to send you the petition against closure of the Bank started by Baggott & Son the newsagents in Aldeburgh High Street.

I enclose the original signatures to the petition on behalf of Baggott & Son and on behalf of the residents of Aldeburgh who object most strongly to this suggested closure.

As Tony said to you in his email, the closure would affect so many in the town, particularly the elderly. Many residents cannot get to Leiston and many cannot

access online banking. This move discriminates against the elderly and the vulnerable.

The cash dispenser in Barclays is the only one in the centre of the Town which is open 24 hours. The Post Office is not big enough to handle the potential increased traffic and is not open at all times. A busy holiday town like Aldeburgh surely needs a 24 hours cash facility in its High Street where for example all the shops are open on a Sunday.

I ask you to accept the petition and to acknowledge receipt by emailing me at Katherine mackiealde@gmail.com

I am copying this letter and its enclosures to our MP, Therese Coffey and to Ruth Proctor, the Town Clerk and will be emailing copies of the letter without enclosures as stated below.

I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best

Katherine Mackie
Chair
The Aldeburgh Society

cc Therese Coffey MP, Palace of Westminster, London; and
Ruth Proctor, Aldeburgh Town Council, The Moot Hall, Aldeburgh (with attachments)

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