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**From:** Owen Woodley [GRO]  
**Sent:** Thur 18/01/2024 8:29:55 AM (UTC)  
**To:** Karen McEwan [GRO] Chrysanthy  
Pispinis [GRO]  
**Subject:** FW: Future of Post Office branches  
**Attachment:** VotP-Press-Release-Jan-2024-1-v1-Copy.pdf  
**Attachment:** VotP-letter to Henry.pdf  
**Attachment:** Re: Project Pineapple

Nothing for either of you to do on this, but I am sharing particularly re the "Project Pineapple" attachment which you should read.

**Owen Woodley**  
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**From:** Nick Read [GRO]  
**Sent:** 18 January 2024 08:00  
**To:** Martin Roberts [GRO] Ben Foat [GRO]  
**Cc:** Owen Woodley [GRO] Tracy Marshall  
[GRO] Philippa Hankin [GRO]  
**Subject:** FW: Future of Post Office branches  
**Importance:** High

Please can you produce a suitable response for Henry.  
You will be aware of my views from discussions we have had....  
I assume there are GFA restrictions too ?  
For this afternoon please.

**Nick Read**  
Group CEO

EA: [GRO]

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**From:** Henry Staunton [GRO]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:50 PM  
**To:** Nick Read [GRO]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Future of Post Office branches

Nick ,  
Could you please organise a response after our Board tomorrow ? At least one NED has said I should meet them but I think that would be a mistake . We do need something to say to them in our reply however . Many thanks .  
Best ,  
Henry

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**From:** Henry Staunton [GRO]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:41:09 PM  
**To:** Henry Staunton [GRO]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Future of Post Office branches

**Henry Staunton**  
Chairman

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Di ,  
Please print out VÖP attachments .  
Thanks ,  
Henry

*I work flexibly – so whilst it suits me to email outside of normal working hours, I do not expect a response during that time.*

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**From:** Diane Blanchard [GRO]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 10:23:53 PM  
**To:** Henry Staunton [GRO]  
**Cc:** Saf ismail [GRO]; Elliot Jacobs [GRO]  
**Subject:** FW: Future of Post Office branches

Hello Henry,

This is the suggested email to send to Board (excluding Lorna and Nick), hopefully, I have interpreted all of your emails correctly – happy to discuss in the morning. I have a **GRO** **GRO** at 08.45hrs but should be back home by 09.15hrs.

Dear all

Ahead of our call on Thursday, please see attached a copy of the Voice of the Postmaster Press Release for January, together with the letter addressed to myself.

In addition, please see attached a file note I prepared following my conversation with Saf and Elliot on Sunday – **they have agreed last night that I could share with you - TBC**. They were very supportive of Nick, but you will see that the VOP have made negative statements about Nick .

Let's talk about this on Thursday and to note I have not yet responded to VoP regarding their request for a meeting.

Regards,  
Henry

PS Saf reminded me that I had omitted to mention the following : .....

- I have offered the investigations team time to get the tone right and advised them to get more PM's involved but this seems to have been missed.
- The comms has been poor throughout our tenure within the business.
- The GE have overlooked advice given to them by board members on several occasions without clear explanations.

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**From:** Elliot Jacobs **GRO**  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 8:02 pm  
**To:** Henry Staunton **GRO**  
**Cc:** Saf ismail **GRO**  
**Subject:** Fw: Future of Post Office branches

Hi Henry

This echoes very much the comments that we discussed on Sunday - clearly we are not losing the plot and real action is essential.

Elliot

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**From:** Voiceofthe Postmaster **GRO**  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2024 3:13 PM

**To:** Henry Staunton [REDACTED] **GRO**  
**Cc:** Saf ismail [REDACTED] **GRO** Elliot Jacobs [REDACTED] **GRO**  
**Subject:** Future of Post Office branches

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Hi Henry,

please, see attached letter to you from Voice of the Postmaster.  
Also our latest release.

Current Postmasters are worried & need to see change in POL management culture.

thank you.  
brent  
Vice-Chair  
Voice of the Postmaster