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CWU General Secretary Dave Ward said “The Post Office is a key part of the national infrastructure. It keeps communities connected, is a lifeline to the elderly and most vulnerable in society and should be the shop front for so many government services.

For the company to announce the closure of hundreds of Post Offices hot on the heels of the Horizon scandal is as tone deaf as it is immoral. CWU members are associated victims of the horizon scandal and to now fear for their jobs ahead of Christmas is yet another cruel attack.

We are in the middle of a government review of the future of the Post Office whilst the employer has embarked on its own strategic review. It seems the Post Office has learned no lessons from its chaotic and uncoordinated mistakes of the past.

We call on them to immediately halt these planned closures and the attached consultations which have historically been nothing but playing lip service and engage with the CWU on protecting jobs and services.

We also call on the government to intervene over this shambolic decision. Labour has to ensure it does not become the government that targeted elderly people with the removal of the winter fuel allowance and then saw crucial services they rely on removed.”

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