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The Manager

Co-op Stonehaven
David Street
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Dear Manager, Stonehaven Co-op

I am writing to ask that you consider hosting a Post Office counter and service within your store in Stonehaven town centre. As you may be aware, there is a growing need for a post office service in this area due to the limited options available in terms of both opening hours and location elsewhere in the town.

My understanding is that when planning permission was granted for the store on David Street, plans included a 'community room', this was for community use and would make a perfect location for a Post Office counter service. I'm also led to believe that there is interest in providing the service on a permanent basis from a Sub Postmaster currently running a Post Office service elsewhere in the Mearns, and that this would be an additional location, not a replacement.

In other towns such as Banchory, the inclusion of a Post Office within the Co-op store has been a great success. Not only does it provide a convenient service to the public that would otherwise be unavailable, but it also brings people into the store who may then spend money on other things. This is a win-win-win situation for the customers, the Post Office, and the Co-op.

I strongly believe that the addition of a Post Office counter in your store would be of great benefit to the local community and to yourselves as a business. It would provide a convenient location for customers to carry out their postal needs, whilst also bringing in extra revenue for the Co-op.

I would ask you to consider this proposal and would be more than happy to discuss this matter with you further. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me should you have any questions or require any additional information or support to hopefully bring this idea to fruition.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Bowie'.

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