

Additional comments:

I received a leaflet on 29th August from the Royal Mail informing me of this change/service.

I followed the website link given and subsequent link to this consultation. However, i see that the closing date for making one's views known was 5 days earlier on 24th August!!!!!!

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.

Unfortunately these days not everyone has good or trustworthy neighbours. I live in a three storey block of Housing Association flats. Most of the law-abiding tenants are out at work during the day. The only people in the building during the day are disreputable and drug user/alcoholics etc.

They would think all their Christmases had come at one if a postman knocked and handed over a parcel.

Worse still, in contrast to police advice of make your home look occupied when out, they would have the bonus of being informed that one's property is empty with nobody at home.

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.:

It is absolutely farcical that the only way to opt out is to emblazon a sticker on one's letterbox. This will clearly give rise to anti-social 'revenge' attacks.

Those who are anti-social will see the sticker and think that the resident is a snob or 'doesn't trust us with their parcels'. These days one can walk past someone in the street and be falsely accused of looking at someone the wrong way etc.

To have a sticker stating you, IN EFFECT, don't trust your neighbours or decline to take in their parcels will create open hostility amongst many 'characters'.

There is also the problem of receiving a parcel from a neighbour that when opened contains damaged goods or missing goods. Shift workers will end up being disturbed by having to act as an unpaid postman/courier.

I receive scores of parcels from Amazon during a calendar year. They allow you to specify that a specific carrier does not carry your goods. Also, one can stipulate that if one isn't at home they do NOT leave the parcel with a neighbour or hide it somewhere. The Royal Mail would override these orders.

I guess, and hope many more people do the same, that if this goes ahead, to do what i will instantly do and stipulate that under no circumstances to use the Royal Mail as a carrier for my goods.

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

An underhand farce in that i received notificatio of it some 5 days after the deadline for consultation and comments had passed.