

Further to my telephone conversation to Ofcom today (reference above) I wish to express and lodge my very strong objections to the proposed Royal Mail - Roll Out Delivery to Neighbour Scheme.

I do not wish my deliveries being left at any of my neighbours nor do I wish to take delivery for anyone else (that is the responsibility of Royal Mail). What they want people to do is do THEIR job for them which no other commercial business has the luxury to command.

When I contacted Royal Mail they said that I can *opt-out* by placing a sticker on my door. This would be advertising to everyone that I have **opted out** plus I do not wish to put stickers on my door nor do I want my privacy or my property to be invaded.

I work away from home for extended periods of time and I do not wish to advertise my comings and goings to the neighbourhood as I have to think of the security of my home. My motto is "don't advertise the fact that your home is empty". I am a very private person and I do not wish this burden to be put upon me and I don't like people knowing my business confidential or otherwise. In fact I find the whole thing very upsetting.

If I am not at home when something is delivered I go to the sorting office to collect it I don't want it to be left with any neighbours and equally I don't want to have the responsibility and burden of taking deliveries for anyone else.

This proposal by Royal Mail is taking my rights away to live quietly as a private citizen. No company should have the right to do that! I would have no control of what or when deliveries were coming to my door, which is totally different if I had arranged a delivery from another company because then I would at least have control as to the date and time of delivery, which you wouldn't have with Royal Mail.

The pilot scheme which has been underway would appear to have been successful - however, statistics can give any answer providing the scope of the questions are narrow enough - so I don't see this as a strong case to roll it out nationwide. This would be the beginning of the slippery slope in my eyes.

Again let me reiterate my very strong objections and I hope that Ofcom will see fit not to allow this proposal to go ahead. I would kindly ask you NOT to publish my name or address