



Apparently I can 'opt out' by having a sticker "*to display near your (my) letter box, or somewhere clearly visible to us (ie Royal Mail Postmen/women)*". Which means that, unless I comply with Royal Mail's request - that organisation will, without my authority or the agreement of those people writing to me - decide arbitrarily to deliver post intended for me to another address.

I believe there could be serious ramifications about such a course of action and I certainly am of the view that this would indicate a serious breach of trust and ethics on the part of Royal Mail.

I am not obliged in law to leave notices on my door on behalf of other organisations - nor do I intend to do so. But rest assured if Royal Mail decide to take it upon themselves to deliver my mail - legitimately addressed to me to another property without my consent I will hold them entirely and completely responsible for lost mail and for loss of the privacy about my correspondence which will undoubtedly arise when 'neighbours' who may or may not be trustworthy individuals - are given the opportunity of receiving goods and parcels intended for me or my family. It is not acceptable to me that such a decision is taken by third party - for that organisation's convenience.

Is it seriously anticipated that every household in the country now has to have effectively an advertising sticker on their home ad infinitum? Will Buckingham Palace or Number 10 have to comply - what about MI5 ?

I find it objectionable that such a system is being proposed let alone that unless I OPT OUT of such a system and place 'stickers' on my property to remind postmen and women **daily** that they should deliver mail which is correctly addressed **to me** and not to a third party - they will simply deliver it elsewhere!

Those people/organisations who write to me or my family at 2 Alfred Street do so expecting that letter to be delivered to the addressee and address concerned. They apparently will not in future have any such assurances as they will not be able to 'opt out' of their mail being delivered to wherever the Royal Mail chooses as a 'neighbour' to that particular address!

If a personal understanding is made between neighbours to accept mail - and those neighbours leave notes on their door on that day - or if a Postman or woman wishes to chance and knock and ask if a neighbour will receive a package, then that is matter for that neighbour at that time and is not a decision that can be made on behalf of an individual resident or address ad infinitum for that property.

I dread to think of the amount of mail that will be lost and never delivered by 'neighbours' living at multi occupied addresses (in say London for example) or simply people who can't be bothered. This may be important mail containing cheques or personal information, birthday gifts other packages. Retrieving mail delivered to a third party may not be quite as simple as Royal Mail are suggesting. Either way in my view unless they have specific authority from every individual in the land - they cannot make such choices.

I am a trustee of a local Charity and regularly receive correspondence of a very personal and confidential nature- if those letters are too bulky and cannot be posted through my letter box – no doubt such correspondence will in future be finding its way into the hands of residents to either the right or left of our address who may or may not be honourable and reliable and trustworthy. Either way they will then be in receipt of knowledge (there are sometimes return addresses or names on the envelopes of course) that should not be in their domain.

We have been living at our above address since 1981 and have, with very rare exception, been well served by our local Post Office, Post men and women in Blandford Forum. I would therefore be very much saddened to find that this proposal would damage the friendly relationship that has evolved over those many years.

**I am completely opposed to the rolling out of the ‘Delivery to a neighbour scheme’ by the Royal Mail in the context in which it is proposed.**

**I will NOT be placing a sticker on my property.**

**I will be holding Royal Mail liable for retrieving any personal mail delivered by them to another address without my authority.**

I refer to my telephone call to your offices at 1152 today to which your above reference number alludes.

I endeavoured to telephone the Royal Mail opt out telephone number (08456 113 420) to raise my concerns but it was a completely automated service and did not serve my purpose at all- Royal Mail did not allow for the human interaction on this matter.

I understand that Ofcom have been undertaking a consultation process regarding the above proposed Scheme by Royal Mail of which, despite my being a daily 'quality' newspaper reader and regular watcher of the news, I had no previous knowledge of until receipt of the leaflet delivered by Royal Mail today! I find it incongruous – that such a leaflet be distributed by Royal Mail just two days before the cut of date for the consultation on 24th August 2012!!

I enclose a copy of the leaflet received. I am also concerned that it implies that despite the consultation period not being completed until 24<sup>th</sup> August – Royal Mail appear to be indicating that they are going ahead with the scheme with effect “...*from late September subject to regulatory approval...*”. Perhaps they have advance notice of your decision?

I indicated quite strongly to the person I discussed the matter with at your offices, that I would not be completing an on line survey but would respond by letter – as I find such on line surveys complex and difficult to traverse. My methodology is by letter - which I will post by recorded delivery to ensure receipt by the deadline.

I was astounded to receive a Royal Mail leaflet in the post today regarding the prospect of personal, confidential and private mail addressed to me and my family being delivered without our consent, as a matter of course and for all times in the future, to a neighbour.