

Additional comments:

The following are just some of the internet reports of dishonesty by postal workers. There are more and it seems highly likely that there are more dishonest postal workers who have not yet been caught. That these may be a minority is irrelevant to the victims of their crimes.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-19345245>
<http://www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/latest-news/south-wootton-postie-guilty-of-mail-thefts-1-4012981>
<http://www.oldham-chronicle.co.uk/news-features/8/news/65896/thieving-postman-packed-off-to-prison>
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http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/9019690.Royal_mail_theft_Weymouth_postman_admits_stealing_packages_at_work/
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<http://www.metro.co.uk/news/867420-postman-thief-avoids-jail-because-of-rollercoaster-trauma>
<http://www.lennoxherald.co.uk/dunbartonshire-news/dunbartonshire-news/dumbarton-news/2011/09/09/dumbarton-postman-stole-pieces-of-mail-114557-29371520/>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2072386/Stephan-Brooks-Postman-caught-CCTV-stealing-penis-enlargement-pills.html>
<http://www.kirkintilloch-herald.co.uk/news/local-headlines/delving-through-a-mountain-of-lost-mail-1-1889321>
<http://www.thisiskent.co.uk/Jail-beckons-thieving-postman/story-11981829-detail/story.html>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2136866/Postman-stole-birthday-cards-hoarded-16-000-letters-car-shed-spared-jail.html>
<http://www.ayrshirepost.net/2012/05/04/thieving-postman-jailed-102545-30884502/>
http://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/9148337.Burnley_postman_who_stashed_31_000_items_of_mail_spared_jail/
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2059692/Postman-Paul-Willicott-hoarded-30k-letters-home-spared-jail.html>
<http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/local-west-yorkshire-news/2011/12/17/kirkheaton-postman-caught-stealing-greeting-cards-86081-29967987/>
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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.

The deliver to neighbour scheme will increase the temptation for postal staff to be dishonest and is likely to lead to more missing mail. The Royal Mail system for dealing with missing mail is already cumbersome and slow. I believe that the inadequacy of the system is already exploited by the dishonest postal staff.

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.:

Yes. Thefts will increase and it will be more difficult to detect.

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

As above.