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### **RE CLOSURE OF BARCLAYS BANK – HOLYHEAD**

I believe that your committee are looking into the closure of banks in Wales. Please find enclosed a letter that I wrote to the Post office and their subsequent reply relating to the closure of Barclays Bank Holyhead. (Barclays have not replied to me).

The Post Office cannot even get the gist of my observations correct. They refer to me banking in Llangefni, which I haven't done.

As you will see the closure Barclays Bank in Holyhead will affect me greatly. The reply from the Post Office is not very encouraging either.

Over the years Holyhead has lost the following Banks and Building Societies  
HSBC, Midland, Halifax and The Burnley.

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The only banking institutions that are left are Lloyds and Santander along with the Post Office. I'm not sure how long Lloyds and Santander will remain.

Since the closure of the Midland and HSBC a lot of pressure has been put on the Post office, since they closed their main office and moved it into a local newsagent.

The number of staff at the Post Office seem to have been reduced whilst the queues and waiting times have gone up.

I think it is disgusting that the banks, whilst making billions in profits and paying large bonuses to their hierarchy can close branches without thought to the local community and without proper consultation with alternative financial institutions.

There are still a lot of people who rely on the banks for their financial transactions not everyone is in favour of 'on line' banking.

I hope the two enclosed letters will be of assistance to you in your enquiry.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting me.