

# Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers' Association

## Watching over the interests of Heald Green ward since 1927

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**8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

### **Closure of the Nat West Bank in Heald Green**

We're aware of a number of residents who are concerned about the closure of the Nat West bank in Heald Green. If you know of a neighbour or friend who is struggling then please put them in touch with us. Residents who need access to in person banking services may not be aware that The Post Office has facilities to pay money in, take their money out and check balances, locally there are Post Offices on Finney Lane and Wilmslow Road.

It has been suggested that a banking hub could be an option for Heald Green. Council officers have looked at the information provided by the Cash Action Group including the outcome of the assessment of the impact that the proposed closure could have on the community's cash access and deposit services. This was carried out by LINK on behalf of the Cash Action Group and their assessment dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 appears to show that their view is "No additional services recommended." However, councillors are pushing for a local service.

Councillors are advised that: "The Council is not in a position to do more on this issue as we have no powers to compel banks to keep branches open."

Sadly, the evidence from closures in Gatley and Cheadle is there is little residents can do to prevent banks closing. It seems from the article below that more community banking facilities are needed in many places and this issue is not unique to Heald Green

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-65457428>

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