



Chris Bryant MP
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10th April 2026

Dear Chris Bryant MP,

Re: Proposed Closure of Lloyds Bank Aberdare Branch

I am formally writing on behalf of the Council regarding the proposed closure of the Aberdare branch on 23rd June 2026. While I appreciate that this closure affects one of our local constituencies, the broader issue is one that has affected communities across Rhondda Cynon Taf over the last ten to fifteen years.

If this closure proceeds, Aberdare will lose its final dedicated bank branch, leaving residents and businesses without access to essential in-person financial services. We know that there will be residents in other parts of the County Borough (in the Rhondda Fach and northern areas of the Rhondda Fawr, for example) who will also use this branch.

As you will be aware, many people across the Cynon Valley and beyond - including older residents, disabled people, small business owners, and those without reliable internet access - continue to rely on face-to-face banking. The withdrawal of physical provision risks deepening existing inequalities and undermining the resilience of our town centre.

The Council is deeply concerned about the impact this closure would have on the local economy and on residents who already face long journeys to access basic banking services. We also note that this proposal comes at a time of exceptionally strong profits across the banking sector, which has heightened public frustration and a sense of unfairness within the community.

In light of these concerns, the Council is asking for your support in pressing the UK Government to strengthen protections for communities facing the loss of essential banking services. We would also welcome your assistance and support in urging Lloyds Banking Group to reconsider this decision and explore options to maintain a meaningful physical presence in Aberdare.

Your support on this matter will be greatly appreciated by the residents and businesses who stand to be most affected by this proposal.

Yours Sincerely

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