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Pledge of support for post offices

MORE than 1,000 Birmingham homeowners have pledged their support for post offices.

They signed up to a petition in a bid to safeguard Brandwood's four Post Office branches.

The branches, in Kings Heath High Street, Alcester Lanes End, Lindsworth Approach and Druids Heath, have come under the spotlight from Post Office officials who visited the area last month.

Their proposals for the future of the branches are due out on June 24 and will trigger a six-week public consultation on the plans.

Brandwood councillor Mark Hill said: "Our petition collected signatures from the Alcester Road South post office with the help of the nearby shops.

"I have also spoken with residents who expressed concern over any potential closures."

Around 55 branches have closed in Birmingham in recent years and the Post Office is in the middle of a programme to axe a further 2,500 across the country.

However, a spokesman said: "We've not announced any plans for the Birmingham area yet."

