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Councillor Deirdre Heney

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22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Dear Councillor

Thank you for your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to the CEO of An Post, Mr David McRedmond, in relation to St Gabriel's Road Post Office. The CEO has requested me to respond directly to you on the matter.

Upon receipt of the resignation of the Postmaster at St Gabriel's Road An Post immediately advertised the vacant contract for the period from 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. No applications were forthcoming, and, accordingly, the vacant contract was advertised for a second period up to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. However, once again, no applications were received and the Company advertised the contract for a third period up to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Again, regrettably, no applications were forthcoming.

We are still actively seeking a candidate for the contract and we have been in discussion with a couple of local businesses with a view to restoring service in the area. Should a suitable applicant, offering a suitable premises, be forthcoming it is the clear intention of An Post to resume the provision of Post Office services in the St Gabriel's Road area, as we are mindful of the significance of this facility for the local community.

If you wish to be updated on the matter at any time in the future please feel free to contact me at 01-7057076.

Again thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Tom O'Neill

Head of Contractors and Retail Support