



STOP THE HMRC AND DWP CLOSURES

Southend needs public services



SAVE OUR SOUTH COAST

The government plans to close the Southend HMRC office in 2022 and Southend Benefit Service Centre by 2020. This will remove around 1,500 jobs from our community.

If these plans aren't stopped the closures will:

- Deny the local community access to important public services.
- Significantly reduce the spending power of DWP and HMRC staff who live and shop in the area. PCS has estimated that £34 million per year will disappear from the local economy.
- Lose essential, specialist VAT and customs knowledge in the run up to Brexit and beyond. Arguably at a time when this knowledge is most needed.
- Axe around 1,500 good, quality jobs from our community at a time when Southend's unemployment rate is already higher than the national average.

PCS is campaigning to keep these jobs local. PCS campaigns, supported by the community have already saved the tax office in Ipswich.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN:

- Sign our petition calling on our Southend MPs to intervene to keep the offices open.
- Provide us with your contact details so we can keep you informed of local campaigning activities that you can get involved in.
- Keep up to date with our national campaign against office closures at pcs.org.uk/campaigns/office-closures

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