

Railway ticket office closures protest heading for Downing Street

A protest against railway ticket office closures is to be held on the final day of consultation on the controversial plans.

The Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT) said it will take the fight for the future of ticket offices to the doorstep of [Downing Street](#) on August 31.

A mass rally will see [RMT](#) members, trades unionists and campaigners tell the [Government](#) “in no uncertain terms” that ticket offices must be saved.

The consultation on the future of ticket offices, which has received nearly 400,000 responses, will close on September 1 and the union is encouraging everyone to take part.

The union said the plans to close up to 1,000 ticket offices will threaten 2,300 station staff job losses.

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RMT general secretary [Mick Lynch](#) said: “The public response to

the Government wanting to shut every ticket office in Britain has been very encouraging.

“[People](#) from different walks of life recognise the value of ticket offices and the station staff that support passengers on their journeys.

“Rail companies and their masters in government, do not care one jot about disabled people, vulnerable passengers and those travelling alone who welcome a human presence on our railways.

“These plans lock in age and disability discrimination and if they are carried out, it will mean many vulnerable passengers will not feel safe using the network.

“I urge everyone to take part in the consultation but our campaign will continue after the closing date of September 1.

“We will be lobbying MPs, several of whom from across the political spectrum have been supportive of our campaign, and RMT will increase the pressure on the government to abandon its increasingly unpopular policy.”