

# Lloyds Bank closing North Morningside branch

Lothian Scottish Conservative MSP Miles Briggs and Scottish Conservative Councillor Nick Cook have said they are concerned at the news announced by Lloyds Bank that North Morningside's Bank of Scotland branch is to close.

Miles has already been contacted by concerned local constituents about the proposed closure which is due to take effect between July and October this year.

Speaking today Miles said: "While I understand that all banks are looking to reduce the number of local branches in response to the increase in online banking, I share the concern of constituents in and around Morningside at the proposed closure of what locals feel is a busy branch on Morningside Road which has served the community well for many years.

"In particular, many pensioners in the area who are Bank of Scotland customers and who do not use online banking are anxious that they will be inconvenienced by this closure and by consequently having to go make journeys to other branches further away from their homes.

"I will be raising constituents concerns directly with Lloyds Banking Group and asking them to address them and justify to local people why they are recommending the North Morningside branch is closed."

Councillor Nick Cook said: "This is a disappointing move from the Bank of Scotland. Many local people – particularly our elderly residents – continue to rely upon bricks and mortar branches and they will be amongst the worst affected by this closure."

We wonder what will become of the building? It is a fine location for many purposes – a restaurant perhaps?