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Backlash over plan for Royal Mail that could see letters landing on your mat just THREE days a week

A DRAMATIC shake-up of Royal Mail

By Jessica Clark, Sean Poulter
and Calum Muirhead will be 'the death of first-class post', critics warned last night.

Households face seeing letter deliveries cut from six days a week to five – or even three – under proposals from the postal regulator in a bid

to save the failing firm.

Another option would be for next-day delivery of mail to be scrapped altogether unless senders pay extra for an urgent service – meaning letters would take at least three working days

to arrive. The extraordinary cost-cutting proposals, after Royal Mail lost £1 billion last year, were set out by regulator Ofcom and faced an immediate backlash from small businesses, consumer groups, unions and Downing Street.

Asked about the plans, Rishi Sunak said he was 'absolutely committed' to the six-days-aweek service. But it is feared that Monday-to-Saturday letter deliveries are unsustainable. meaning change is likely after

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