



Notification under section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003

DRAFT decision by **West Devon District Council** in response to a proposal by **British Telecommunications plc** for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Schedule to a Direction published by Ofcom on 14 March 2006 ('the Direction').

1. **West Devon District Council** in accordance with section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Act'), hereby make the following draft decision in response to a proposal by **British Telecommunications plc** for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Direction.
2. The draft decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
3. The effect of, and **West Devon District Council** reasons for making, the draft decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
4. **West Devon District Council** consider that the draft decision complies with the requirements of sections 45 to 50 of the Act, as appropriate and relevant to the proposal.
5. In making the draft decision, **West Devon District Council** has considered and acted in accordance with the six community requirements in section 4 of the Act.
6. Representations may be made to **West Devon District Council** about the draft decision by **midnight on Sunday 20th October 2019**.
7. A copy of this Notification has been sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 50(1)(b) of the Act.
8. The Schedule to this Notification shall form part of this Notification.

A person authorised by **West Devon District Council** to sign this Notification

Patrick Whymer, Head of Planning Practice

Date: 20.9.2019

SCHEDULE

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Telephone Number	Address	Agree/ Adopt/ Object	Comments/Reasons
1409221236	PCO PCO1 BEAWORTHY		no comments
1566783201	PCO PCO1 LEWDOWN OKEHAMPTON	adopt	
1566783227	PCO PCO1 PORTGATE LEWDOWN OKEHAMPTON	ok to remove	
1566783355	OPP LOWERTOWN COTTAGES PCO CORYTON OKEHAMPTON	reject/keep	There is no mobile phone signal within a reasonable distance (3-4 square miles) of the box for emergency purposes. This is a very rural location with the majority of the local population at retirement age, this particular kiosk may be a life line should an emergency occur. The kiosk has recently been cleaned for use.
1566784215	PCO PCO1 BROADWOODWIDGER LIFTON	reject/keep	no mobile signal
1566784392	PCO PCO1 LIFTON	ok to remove	
1822612415	PCO PCO1 TAVY ROAD TAVISTOCK	ok to remove	
1822612499	PCO PCO1 GRENOFEN TAVISTOCK	reject/keep	I believe back in 2009 when these boxes were previously considered for removal, the Parish Clerk at the time wrote and explained that Councillors strongly opposed to the boxes being removed from service. Both are in relatively remote areas, used by walkers and horse riders, neither of these areas have good mobile reception or coverage. It is considered that both are essential community usage sites for emergency needs. These views have not changed and in fact it has recently come to light that one of the boxes may in fact have been registered by English Heritage as a Monument of Interest. There are also a number of affordable homes in the vicinity who's residents may rely on the phone boxes for general communication

1822612611	NR.JENN HOUSE - RUSHFORD PCO1 LAMERTON TAVISTOCK	adopt -	but wish to move to box to more central location if possible
1822613317	PCO PCO1 HAZEL ROAD TAVISTOCK	reject - keep -	owing to level of usage
1822616052	PCO PCO1 MONKSMEAD TAVISTOCK	agree ok to remove	
1822810229	NEAR MARY TAVY PCO1 HORNDON TAVISTOCK		have emailed asking for more time for a group to be found to adopt
1822810325	SPO PCO1 PETER TAVY TAVISTOCK	reject/keep	
1822810797	WAR MEMORIAL PCO1 MARY TAVY TAVISTOCK	adopt if someone found to take it on	Mary Tavy Parish Council resolved to confirm that they are happy for both phone boxes within the parish to be removed. However, they have asked me to submit a request for more time to determine whether parishioners in Mary Tavy or an interested group, such as the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group, wish to adopt the phone boxes
1822840227	PCO PCO1 STATION ROAD BERE ALSTON YELVERTON	reject - keep	This village is notorious for its poor mobile phone coverage, to remove this kiosk will jeopardise anyone needing to make an emergency call. The records show that 20 people had to use this box, surely that is justification for it to stay There is a defibrillator in close proximity and again because of the poor mobile signal this is a very important reason to keep the box. The local community are very much against the removal of this box.
1822852258	PCO PCO1 SAMPFORD SPINEY YELVERTON	reject/keep	I believe back in 2009 when these boxes were previously considered for removal, the Parish Clerk at the time wrote and explained that Councillors strongly opposed to the boxes being removed from service. Both are in relatively remote areas, used by walkers and horse riders, neither of these areas have good mobile reception or coverage. It is considered that both are essential community usage sites for emergency needs. These views have not changed and in fact it has recently come to light that one of the boxes may in fact have been registered by English Heritage as a Monument of Interest. There are also a number of affordable homes in the vicinity who's residents may rely on the phone boxes for general communication

1822852330	PCO PCO1 CHAPEL LANE HERRABRIDGE YELVERTON	agree ok to remove	
1822852772	PCO PCO1 FILLACE PARK HERRABRIDGE YELVERTON	agree ok to remove	
1822852952	WAYLEAVE PP583 PCO1 CRAPSTONE TERRACE CRAPSTONE YELVERTON	adopt	
1822870201	SITE OF UAX PCO1 MILTON ABBOT TAVISTOCK		no comments
1822870259	VILLAGE GREEN PCO1 KELLY LIFTON	adopt	
183752249	O/S THE OLD POST OFFICE PCO1 FOLLY GATE OKEHAMPTON		no comments
183752330	NR RAILWAY STATION BUS LAYBY SAMPFORD COURTENAY OKEHAMPTON	accept - ok to remove	
183752343	PCO PCO1 CREDITON ROAD OKEHAMPTON	accept ok to remove	
183752479	JCN STATION ROAD / PCO1 TORS ROAD OKEHAMPTON	reject - keep	object to the removal of the kiosk from the junction of Station Road and Tors Road (01837 52479) on the grounds that 19 calls have been made from it in the previous 12 months, it is the first kiosk from a popular access point to/from Dartmoor and the mobile coverage in the area is poor.
1837811058	NR JCT A3072 PCO1 MOOR VIEW HATHERLEIGH OKEHAMPTON	object - wish to keep	it has been used 15 times this year, the 2nd highest of the threatened kiosks it is situated on the bush A3072 and close to two busy road junctions it is the only payphone within 800 metres

183782201	JUNCTION OF FORE STREET PCO1 THE SQUARE NORTH TAWTON	keep or adopt	a) PayPhone on corner of The Square and top of Fore Street. This box is listed as the emergency box for users of the Town Hall. As mobile signals are somewhat intermittent in the area, it would be advantageous to be able to retain this box for emergencies if possible. Otherwise, the Town Council would move to adopt it.
183782395	JCN OF MILL LANE PCO1 FORE STREET NORTH TAWTON	adopt	The Council acknowledge that the use of this box is unlikely to increase. However, the Town Council would move to adopt this box.

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