



Daventry District Council

Payphone Removals

Decision Statement

22nd November 2019

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council has received a request from BT to remove 19 kiosks at various locations across the district. The Council has delegated powers to determine such applications in certain circumstances: of the 19 boxes, 9 fell to be determined under delegated powers.
- 1.2 Part 5 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's constitution delegates decisions enabling the decommissioning of telephony equipment to the Executive Director (Business) where:
 - (a). There is no objective need for the telephony; and
 - (b). The box is either not a traditional red box (K6) or would be adopted by a parish council or other suitable body.
- 1.3 The remaining ten remained to be determined by the Council's Strategy Group. This was done by a report to its meeting on 14th November 2019.
- 1.4 On 30th September the Council sent an email to all relevant parish councils and district councillors, with a copy of the 'First Notification'. This included all of the boxes, i.e. those to be determined by the Strategy Group and those under delegated powers. .
- 1.5 BT posted notices on the kiosks, inviting anyone with views to notify the District Council.
- 1.6 A number of responses were received as set out in the Final Notification.
- 1.7 It is a requirement that the Council reply in writing to BT within 90-days giving their comments or any objections received from the local community.

2 Consideration

2.1 In the report to Strategy Group concerning this matter (January 2017), prior to the delegation arrangement, a number of considerations were put forward for determining the applications that were before that meeting. Whilst these were not made binding on any future determinations by the Executive Director (Business), they are useful considerations in assessing (a). above:

- Responses from parish councils, including if they wish to adopt the box;
- Responses from residents;
- Any information received about poor signals for mobile phones in the locality;
- Any views that the phone could serve a useful purpose in an emergency e.g. alongside the canal network; and
- The level of usage, broadly speaking if a phone is used for more than about 50 times in the last year it could have a useful social purpose.

2.2 The kiosks which are considered to fall to be determined under delegated powers are listed below:

01327 703271 Daventry, PCO Kiosk 703271, Grange Estate

01327 703294 Daventry, Admirals Way, PCO1 Hood Road

01327 349813 Flore, PCO Kiosk 40352, High Street

01604 686214 Maidwell, PCO Kiosk 214, opp Parish Hall, Harborough Road

01604 505821 Teeton PCO Kiosk 821, Nr Bank Cottages, Bank Cottages

01604 781211 Walgrave PCO Kiosk 781211 Hannington Lane

01327 349851 Weedon PCO kiosk 40229, Op X Rds Hotel

01858 575374 Welford PCO PCO 1 West Street

01327 842305 Whilton Locks, PCO Kiosk 842305 Whilton locks

2.3 Where responses were received during the consultation, they have been summarised in the Final Notification. In coming to its decision on each box, the Council has taken into account the comments received.

2.4 The Final Notification attached to this decision includes all 19 boxes, including those on which Strategy Group has determined the response.

3.0 Decision

Having considered the proposals in the light of the terms approved by Council in February 2017, I am satisfied that the Council should respond with 'agree' to the proposals from BT to remove the telephone boxes from the nine boxes listed in 2.2 above.

Report written by.

Signed:.....Date: 22nd November 2019

Richard Wood, Local Strategy Manager

Report approved and decision made by

Signed:.....Date: 22nd November 2019

Simon Bowers, Executive Director (Business)