

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2024/5440/L	Lucy Cottrell	13/01/2025 08:28:30	OBJ	I think these should be left as they are, as they are so enjoyed by tourists, as is. They need to be locked as they are used as urinals, sadly.
2024/5440/L	John Reiss	11/01/2025 16:58:37	COMMNT	<p>Across the UK redundant BT phone boxes are being converted to worthwhile community use but this proposal and that for the adjacent box are not suitable as they are an important feature of architectural heritage in the context of 19th century housing in this historical conservation area. They are a daily focus for hundreds of tourists as a photo opportunity as part of their visit to Primrose Hill, to see cultural sites and patronise the retail outlets and new streeteries.</p> <p>Despite the undertakings given by the applicants, I believe that insertion of shelves and content will compromise the external appearance on the street scene.</p> <p>If the booths are to be used to promote a charity, however worthy, there is a risk that they will become a focal point of political activism and stickering which is inappropriate in a largely residential area. As an experienced charity trustee over many years, I fail to see what communications gain charities4peace could expect to realise from this proposal. There are many more effective ways of communicating their message. If, as is not unlikely, they grow tired of this use, the box would probably be abandoned and revert to dereliction as happens all over the country.</p> <p>Whilst use of these boxes for their intended purpose has declined I have observed over 20 years their increased use as a place for dumping rubbish, as a substitute toilet and as a place for dealing and using illicit drugs. I am one of the locals who regularly cleans out the refuse and peels off the stickers.</p> <p>I advocate most strongly that this opportunistic proposal is rejected and that a permanent solution is sought. Ideally this would feature the permanent closure of the boxes keeping them intact and well maintained solely as a feature of architectural heritage.</p> <p>One solution might be to transfer ownership to the Primrose Hill Community Association or similar. I am sure local residents and businesses would contribute to the very modest cost of maintenance on an annual basis. It would probably take some months to explore and effect such an adoption, so I would propose at the very least a hiatus in the planning process for some months so relevant parties can be consulted. I am willing to facilitate this process.</p>