

<b>Delegated Report (Members Briefing)</b>		<b>Analysis sheet</b>		<b>Expiry Date:</b>		<b>10/07/2012</b>	
		N/A		<b>Consultation Expiry Date:</b>		14/06/2012	
<b>Officer</b>				<b>Application Number(s)</b>			
Nicola Tulley				2012/2254/P			
<b>Application Address</b>				<b>Drawing Numbers</b>			
On the corner of Russell Square Gardens and opposite 60 Russell Square London Site 4				See draft decision notice			
<b>PO 3/4</b>	<b>Area Team Signature</b>	<b>C&amp;UD</b>	<b>Authorised Officer Signature</b>				
<b>Proposal(s)</b>							
Temporary installation of BT Artbox on footway from 17/06/2012 to 17/07/2012.							
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		Grant temporary permission					
<b>Application Type:</b>		Full Planning Permission					
<b>Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:</b>		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
<b>Informatives:</b>							
<b>Consultations</b>							
<b>Adjoining Occupiers:</b>		No. notified	29	No. of responses	01	No. of objections	01
				No. Electronic	00		
<b>Summary of consultation responses:</b>		A site notice was displayed from 21/05/2012 to 11/06/2012. A notice was placed in the Ham & High on 24/05/2012.  No comments or objections have been received to date.					
<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> *Please Specify		Bloomsbury CAAC have raised objection to the proposal: Strongly object to unnecessary clutter around Bedford estate.					

## Site Description

The application site is the south-east corner of Russell Square, on the signalised pedestrian island, adjacent to the Imperial Hotel. The site is within Bloomsbury conservation area and is in close proximity to a Grade II listed terrace on the square, Numbers 52 – 60 and Grade II listed statue of Francis Russell 5<sup>th</sup> Duke of Bedford.

## Relevant History

No relevant history.

## Relevant policies

### **The London Plan: Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London: 2011**

#### **LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies 2010**

Core Policies

CS5 Managing the impact of growth and development

CS14 Promoting high quality places and conserving our heritage

Development Policies

DP24 Securing high quality design

DP25 Conserving Camden's heritage

DP26 Managing the impact of development on occupiers and neighbours

#### **Camden Planning Guidance 2011**

CPG1 Design

CPG8 Planning obligations

## Assessment

### Proposal and background

The application site is the south east corner pedestrian island, between the park and Number 60 Russell Square. The applicant has requested temporary permission for the installation of a fibre glass replica of the classic K6 'red' phone box designed by Gillbert Scott. The boxes will be painted by various artists to transform the classic phone box in their own way. The purpose of the artboxes is to raise awareness for Childline and will be auctioned after 1 month of display with the proceeds going to the Childline charity.

### Design & appearance

The artbox would be sited on a prominent corner of Russell Square and in close proximity to Grade II listed buildings. The boxes are approximately 1m square and 2.8m high and would sit on a 1.3m square concrete plinth. The plinth would weigh the box down and stop it from toppling over.

Adopted planning guidance CPG1 & CPG8 note the positive contribution of public art through animating public space. In consideration that the proposed artbox would provide visual interest and not harm the setting of existing listed buildings the proposed artbox is deemed acceptable in relation to policies: CS14; DP24 & DP25

### Transport impact

Internally transportation has commented on the application. Officers note that the footway is very wide at this location, which should leave sufficient space for pedestrians to pass: no objections have been raised.

### Conclusion

In consideration that the proposed artbox is a replica scale of the classic red phone boxes and would be installed for a temporary period of one month and thereafter auctioned for the Childline charity, the proposed would not harm the character and appearance of the local area or amenity in accordance with policies: CS14; DP24; DP25.

### Recommendation

Approve planning consent for a temporary period of one month.

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Decision route to be decided by nominated members on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012. For further information please click [here](#).