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DESIGN & ACCESS / HERITAGE STATEMENT – REFURBISHMENT OF 2NO. BT PHONEBOXES @ OUTSIDE 118-132 NEW OXFORD STREET, LONDON, WC1A 1HL.

1. Use

1.1 The proposal does not involve a change of use.

2. Amount

2.1 The proposal does not involve any increase in the size of the development.

3. Layout

3.1 The proposal does not involve any changes to the layout of the site.

4. Scale

4.1 The footprint of the site remains unaltered by the proposal.

5. Landscaping

5.1 The landscaping remains unaltered by the proposal.

6. Appearance and Design

6.1 The K2 and K6 red phone boxes are iconic pieces of both engineering and architecture. The aim of this proposal is to retain and refurbish redundant phoneboxes, pending possible future changes of use, without compromising their external appearance on the street scene.

6.2 The box is not Listed but is in a conservation area, so careful consideration has been given to preserving both the box and its relationship to the conservation area. No external alterations are proposed and so the relationship with, and effect on, the conservation area remains unchanged by the proposal. As no external alterations are proposed to the box there would be no effect on any adjacent heritage assets or on their setting.

6.3 Given its presence in a conservation area, careful consideration has been given to maintaining the phonebox's character. The external appearance of the phone box(es) remains unaltered by the proposal, with the exception of the introduction of a new five-lever mortice lock fitted below the existing pull handle, with an escutcheon cover is fitted externally over the lock and painted red to match the restored.

6.4 Externally, the phone box(es) will remain painted in BT phone box red, and a rolling maintenance programme will see the kiosks refurbished every two years. The maintenance programme will entail a complete overhaul, to include all exterior and interior paint and associated works. All paint used will be the same as that currently used by BT. The method statement for refurbishment will be as follows:

- 1) Sugar soap wash the boxes throughout after stripping the phone apparatus.
- 2) Strip back frame and lead fill and micro resin bond any cracks and imperfections on the frame and panels.
- 3) Apply one coat zinc oxide metal primer undercoat.
- 4) Apply one coat of BS referenced BT approved red paint, and then key surface to receive a final coat of topcoat over the entire kiosk.
- 5) Apply one coat Hammerite Metalshield paint, colour black, to the skirt and roof.

6.5 The existing glass panels will be replaced with 4mm-thick thermally toughened soda lime silicate safety glass to BS EN 12150-1:2000 in order to provide security and longevity of use. The glass used is supplied by Piper Glass and has been fitted in phonebox restorations for the last 27 years by Unicorn Kiosk Restorations, Unicorn Estate, Nutfield Road, Merstham, Surrey, RH1 3ER; www.unicornkiosks.com. Case study reference:

<http://www.piperglass.co.uk/case-study-unicorn-kiosk-restorations.php>

6.6 Internally, the existing telephones and associated equipment will be retained unaltered.

7. Access

7.1 The existing access to the phone box(es) remains unaltered by the scheme, although the door will be locked shut for security purposes.

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