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 15 November 2016 16:05

To: Dempsey, Matthew Cc:

Subject: Re: From Bloomsbury CAAC - Ref. 2016/5429/P: Change of Use from BT telephone

kiosk to phone repair shop

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Dear Matthew

Many thanks for the clarification, and please consider our objection and comments when the application is resubmitted. Thank you.

kind regards

Debbie Radcliffe for BCAAC

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From: Dempsey, Matthew < Matthew. Dempsey@Camden.gov.uk >

Sent: Tue, 15 Nov 2016 15:56

Subject: RE: From Bloomsbury CAAC - Ref. 2016/5429/P: Change of Use from BT telephone kiosk to phone repair

Dear Ms Radcliffe,

Thank you for your e-mail, and apologies for any confusion.

This (and all other recent applications) relating to the change of use of BT phone boxes are not currently under consideration. Applications of this sort were initially registered, however; it has come to light that incorrect information was supplied within the application supporting documents and so the applicant has withdrawn the applications.

The applicants are intending to re-submit and, when I have complete applications; I will reconsult. I expect this process to begin within the next 2 weeks. There will be a full 8 weeks from receipt of complete applications to arrive at a decision.

I shall take your comments in to account if and when an application arrives for the Southampton Row site, but you are welcome to make further representation should you wish to do so.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact me.

Kind regards, Matthew

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Dear Matthew

I have been trying to access the links to the comments form and documents on this proposal - to no avail. The search brings up nothing for 2016/5429/P - which was the reference on the letter, dated 18 October, addressed to Bloomsbury CAAC.

The Advisory Committee objects to the application to change the use of a BT telephone box to a self-contained retail kiosk for repairing mobile phones. This proposed commercial enterprise will hinder the easy passage of pedestrians who walk in large numbers along Southampton Row.

In particular the proposal goes against Camden's Policy DP25: Conserving Camden's heritage. The telephone box opposite 21 Southampton Row is close to Sicilian Avenue, a good example of an early 20th century open air arcade. Designed by R J Worley in 1906-10 for the Bedford Estate, it is grade II listed and is a notable landmark in the Conservation Area. The change of use of a BT phone box outside number 21 into a retail kiosk completely undermines the status of this arcade. It will increase a sense of clutter on the street. It will have a negative impact on the views. There will no doubt be advertising in relation to the mobile phone repair shop use, which again is inappropriate for the conservation area in this location.

The unwelcome intrusion of an inappropriate focus for commercial activity in this location will not preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area. The planning application should be refused.

I would welcome confirmation of receipt of our objection. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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