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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 January 2017 12:28
To: Dempsey, Matthew
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: From Bloomsbury CAAC - Change of Use from BT telephone kiosk to pod works commercial units 2016/6008/P - and others

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Dear Matthew

You will recall we were in communication last year about a planning application to change a telephone kiosk into a mobile phone repair shop on Southampton Row. You said the application(s) had been withdrawn and would be re-submitted in due course, along with others of the same nature. I assume you are handling all these applications.

We had an Advisory Group meeting on Wednesday and the application for the kiosk opposite the Wiener Library in Russell Square was raised. (2016/6008/P). I note the final date for comments was yesterday (12 January) but I hope you will still consider our response, especially as there was earlier confusion about these applications (see your email below).

The Advisory Committee objects to the application to change the use of a BT telephone box to a self-contained retail kiosks for whatever business is anticipated under the generic name "pod works". This proposed commercial enterprise is likely to require some kind of advertising, which will not preserve or enhance the conservation area.

The unwelcome intrusion of a commercial activity will be detrimental to the character and appearance of the host kiosks, the wider area and Bloomsbury Conservation Area contrary to policy CS14 of the Camden Core Strategy, and policies DP24 and DP25 of the Camden Development Policies. The planning application should be refused.

Please note that our response should be copied to ALL applications for change of use from BT telephone kiosk to office pod within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

If there is no further use for the kiosks as telephones, then we feel they should simply be removed from the conservation area.

With kind regards

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Sent: Tue, 15 Nov 2016 16:07
Subject: RE: From Bloomsbury CAAC - Ref. 2016/5429/P: Change of Use from BT telephone kiosk to phone repair shop

Hi,

Will do. I will also (re)consult the CAAC for any applications of this sort within the CA boundary.

Kind regards,
Matthew

Matthew Dempsey
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Sent: 15 November 2016 16:05

To: Dempsey, Matthew

Cc: bcaac@hughcullum.com

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

Dear Matthew

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

kind regards

Debbie Radcliffe
for BCAAC

-----Original Message-----



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 shop

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

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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