

Transport Strategy Comments – Proposed new telephone kiosks.

We would object on the size, design and locations of these units. The West End Project will be transforming the TCR area part of which is to de-clutter the road along its entirety. As we know there is a proliferation of telephone kiosks along the road. There are 22 operated by BT plus an additional 22 by other operators. BT have indicated that their units could be replaced by 10 of their new units the design of which does not lend itself to ASB and we are trying to determine how we can reduce the number by other operators. This style of kiosk is similar to those used by other operators and are used for a number of non-official activities which promote antisocial behaviour in the area. To add additional kiosks would, rather than stop the anti social behaviour, actually facilitate its promotion. I have been informed that the Fitzrovia Partnership employed someone to remove the “promotional” material displayed within the kiosks but was met with aggressive behaviour when they attempted to remove the material and subsequently stopped their removal..

The council are spending a significant amount of money improving the area for both residents and businesses. To allow additional kiosks on this road would both negate any of the improvements we are planning to implement but also promote the ASB which we are trying to remove. The ASB is a major concern for both residents and businesses alike and the removal /reduction would be supported locally. To add kiosks would be seen as a retrograde step

The area will see a massive increase in footfall when Crossrail opens and additional street furniture would hinder the pedestrian flow

In terms of numbers there are approximately 44 existing kiosks along a length of approximately 1000m of footway additional units would decrease the distance between them

Locations would be based on the existing carriageway and footway. The west end project will change this and so the locations would need to be assessed for location suitability. The West end project is a two year scheme. If these are installed then there will possibly be a cost to the council to move them

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