From: Meynell, Charlotte
Sent: 24 July 2017 16:33

To: Planning

**Subject:** FW: Telephone Kiosk application -

Hello,

Please log the below email as an objection to application 2017/3444/P.

Thanks,

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From: Ben Olney [mailto: Sent: 24 July 2017 10:15

To: Meynell, Charlotte < Charlotte. Meynell@camden.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Telephone Kiosk application -

Dear Charlotte,

I write regarding application 2017/3444/P relating to a proposed telephone kiosk on Pancras Road

The proposed location for the telephone kiosk in Pancras Road is at the heart of the Kings Cross Conservation Area, situated within a set piece of Victorian Industrial architecture defined by St Pancras and Kings Cross stations, both Grade I listed with the adjacent listed Great Northern Hotel and views along Pancras Road to the German Gymnasium and Stanley Buildings (all Grade II). Together this group reflects the power of the Railway age and is of notable historic value (Kings Cross Conservation Area Statement). This area is unique, and through the St Pancras, Kings Cross and Kings Cross Central developments has been carefully managed to keep street furniture to the absolute minimum and allow the architecture of this exceptional area to be seen and appreciated. The view north from Euston Road is particularly important both physically and visually as it acts as a gateway, an invitation to the richness beyond. The views north along the

east elevation of St Pancras with its prominent red brickwork and repeating arches are particularly important in providing a frame to this busy but layered urban realm.

As a busy area there are multiple demands on the public realm in terms of highway signs, public transport provision, Legible London signage and other essential street furniture. These have in the main been designed to fit within the space and not compete with the adjacent listed buildings. The proposal to install the telephone kiosk on Pancras Road adjacent / in close proximity to the listed building does not contribute positively to the environment or the setting of the listed building. Its proposed location will interrupt the clear line of sight both north towards St Pancras International entrance and south towards the commanding presence of the clock tower of the former Midland Grand hotel. It will also add clutter to the public realm and interrupt views from Kings Cross Square across to St Pancras. The public benefit for proposing the installation of this kiosk (and the other two nearby) is not clear and would in the opinion of HS1 have a detrimental effect on the setting of the Grade I listed St Pancras Station.

We disagree strongly with the applicants own appraisal of the area and impact of the proposed kiosk, whereby they fail to recognize the Grade I listed status of St Pancras (only referring to Kings Cross Station) and suggest that the building has been significantly compromised by the surrounding modern commercial development.

We would hope to see this application for prior approval rejected

## Kind Regards



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