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Dear Leela and Tony

I am aware that Maximus Networks have yet again submitted planning applications for stainless steel telephone kiosks - some located within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, some along the Euston Road. There may be others which I am, as yet, unaware.

Maximus submitted applications in 2017 and I know that the one on Russell Square (an identical application) was refused last year by the planning officer concerned (Matthew Dempsey). So it seems the company is trying again in 2018.

I have submitted an on-line objection for the application at 69-70 Russell Square [2018/0318/P] on behalf of Bloomsbury CAAC, a statutory consultee. I would like to reiterate our objection to ALL these applications for new telephone kiosks, which end up being a location for advertisements, a hazard to pedestrian movements and a blight on the streetscape.

I am also objecting to the proliferation of these telephone kiosks on behalf of BRAG (Bloomsbury Residents Action Group).

As residents of Bloomsbury, we are concerned about the quality of the environment in which we live, but we have neither the time nor the resources to object to every single application.

I hope that planning officers dealing with these applications realise that there is a considerable public outcry about the appalling condition of many existing telephone kiosks (which attract litter, unofficial adverts and antisocial behaviour) and consequently object to the endless applications for more unwelcome kiosks, which seem utterly irrelevant in today's era of mobile phone communication.

Kind regards

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