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Subject: RE: Re 2018/0327/P - Land Adjacent to 167-169 Shaftesbury Avenue - Telephone kiosk application

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Hi Seyi

I have completed my assessment of the above application.

The site is located near Tottenham Court Road Underground Station on one of the busiest pedestrian corridors in the borough. Pedestrian volumes are extremely high and are forecast to increase significantly when Crossrail services become operational later this year along with ongoing economic growth in the borough. Existing footway space is a scarce resource and must be safeguarded for pedestrians both now and in the future to accommodate economic growth.

The telephone kiosk would be located, adjacent to the kerb. It would be located directly adjacent to an existing telephone kiosk. However, the proposed telephone kiosk would be significantly wider than the existing telephone kiosk. It would therefore have a more significant impact on pedestrian comfort and movement. The proposal to install another telephone kiosk directly adjacent to an existing telephone kiosk would merely represent unnecessary street clutter.

The telephone kiosk would obstruct and impede pedestrian movement (especially for blind and partially sighted pedestrians) and visibility on and along the footway. This would have a significant impact on pedestrian comfort levels, both now and in the future. It would obstruct inter-visibility between vehicular traffic and pedestrians wishing to cross the road at this location. The proposal therefore constitutes a hazard to public safety.

The telephone kiosk would be significantly wider than other items of street furniture including existing telephone kiosks in the general vicinity of the site. The proposal would therefore have a harmful and negative impact on the streetscape.

I am also aware that the Metropolitan Police have raised concerns about this type of application. The telephone kiosk would facilitate crime and anti-social behaviour and would constitute a hazard to public safety. It would also obstruct CCTV visibility.

The telephone kiosk would be located within 20 metres of a zebra crossing. This would be a problem if a follow up application for digital advertising consent were to be submitted. Locating roadside digital advertising in such close proximity to the zebra crossing would constitute a distraction to road users and could lead to dangerous situations with cyclists and pedestrians at particular risk. Any such proposal would be strongly resisted due to the road safety implications.

The proposal must be refused for the above reasons. Please let me know if you wish to discuss.

Regards
Steve

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