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2018/0900/P	Kilburn Neighbourhood Plan Forum	C/O Kingsgate Community Association 107 Kingsgate Road London NW6 2JH	06/03/2018 20:53:34	OBJ	<p>The Kilburn Neighbourhood Plan Forum would like to make the following comments and objections to the planning application from New World Telephones relating to the Neighbourhood Forum designated area.</p> <p>Comments applying to all 4 planning applications:</p> <p>Background to Kilburn High Road:</p> <p>Kilburn High Road is a very busy High Street with narrow roads and pavements. Pavement furniture currently very often impedes free flow of pedestrians and all efforts should be made to facilitate pedestrian flow. (London Mayor target to reach 80% of journeys by foot, public transport or bicycle).</p> <p>The High Road suffers from a higher than average road traffic accident rate. The October 2017 Liveable Neighbourhood bid to TFL shows that there were 177 traffic casualties during a 36 month period to December 20166 (Appendix C: Road Danger Reduction Statement). Thus all efforts should be undertaken to remove distractions for road users. To that effect we have noted that TFL and JC Decaux are in the process of renewing all bus stops. All illuminated LCD advertising on bus stops is now parallel to the kerb rather than perpendicular to the Kerb except at Brondesbury station (top of the High Road) and in front of the library (bottom of Kilburn High Road).</p> <p>Crime rates are high and use of street furniture to harbour beggars is frequent, thus the Kilburn Liveable Neighbourhood Bid states "Landscape and street furniture designs should prevent concealment" (Appendix D KilburnLNbid Crime and Security Statement FV)</p> <p>Future maintenance of Kiosk</p> <p>We note that New World phones currently operates phone boxes on 6 sites directly along the Kilburn High Road, all sites being single boxes except the site outside of 240 Kilburn High Road, where 2 adjacent boxes are operated. All the boxes are in a very poor state of maintenance with broken side panels, missing doors and badly overpainted frames. We welcome the intention to upgrade some of the boxes and remove some but cannot support the application unless there is a binding maintenance schedule of new kiosks as we fear the new Kiosks will deteriorate very quickly and fall in a similar state of disrepair very quickly, thus blighting the street scene.</p> <p>Kiosk Design: The colour of the proposed replacement kiosks is more in keeping with our area with black bollards and kerb fences. We do appreciate the provision of a way finder screen and free WI-FI. However we would prefer the replacement to bring additional benefits, like a bench as the new Smart Benches provide in other areas in London. Resting places are very much needed on the High Road. The design in itself has no architectural merit and would represent an other new design in a very busy street scene where all telephone boxes are of a very similar square design. The much wider width (1096mm) compared to current boxes of (948mm) will impact on pedestrian flows unless the longer</p>

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side is placed parallel to the kerb and not perpendicular. The public functionality proposed by the Kiosk does not justify the width of the LCD screen as all such functionality could be provided on a 50cm wide column rather than 1096mm. The total opaqueness of the LCD side could provide concealment as when approaching the box, pedestrians will not be able to see the presence of a person behind the screen. Currently the presence of a person can be detected as the boxes have a visible space at the bottom. This could be changed by raising the Kiosk on feet. In conclusion the current design does not meet the requirements of the Kilburn High Road environment. We welcome the absence of a door, making access for less mobile users easier, however we question the positioning of the equipment as possibly being too high to be used by wheelchair/mobility scooter users.

LCD advertising screen. Currently all pavement LCD advertising screens are parallel to the kerb side along the whole length of Kilburn High Road and are only on some bus shelters, with the exception of 2 bus stops mentioned above (perpendicular screen) and the new Inlink UK BT information screen outside Primark. We believe that placing new LCD advertising screens perpendicular to the footpath would create distraction and possibly more road danger for incoming vehicles and we thus strongly object (on safety grounds) to having such structures on the High Road unless the applicant can substantiate with data the contrary on a similar very busy High street environment. Furthermore the LCD screens would not bring any benefit to the users of the High Road and would further compromise the High Road visual environment.

Proposed removal of 4 telephone boxes:

We welcome the proposed removal of 4 boxes. We would like the removal of these boxes to be independent of the replacement of other boxes with a kiosk as they clearly have been identified as redundant by New World Telephones.

Specific comments relating to site at 158-162 Kilburn High Road

This site occupies the busiest pavement length of the High Road. The proposed site plan supplied to support the application is slightly misleading as there is a private forecourt in front of Aldi approximately 900mm wide that could in the future be used by a new retailer without planning permission. Placement of the phone kiosk would only achieve an unobstructed pavement space of approximately 1800mm, which is very narrow for an area of very high footfall. Additionally the proposed positioning is right outside the entrance/exit of Aldi thus a more congested area. We would suggest (if other objection grounds are dismissed) to move the kiosk about 20 meters north of the current site where there are no shop entrances, keeping the proposed orientation.

We would also seek assurances that the phone box at 188 Kilburn High Road is removed even if this planning permission is not granted. The placement of the current box at 188 Kilburn High Road is now unacceptable on the basis of obstruction to pedestrian movement. It is on a very narrow pavement with new shops that attract very high footfalls.