

I am at present travelling in Asia and owing to the late hour here am unable to make a more substantive intervention other than to broadly associate myself with the comments and concerns of my neighbours. There is no credible reason to tolerate this form of urban blight, which I find akin to that of the unwanted orange monstrosities from 15 years ago. One should not acquiesce to a contemporary version of unwanted artefacts from a past era. We all remember these ridiculous coin-paid orange phones, which were eventually removed, after what "the man on the Clapham omnibus" would think was an unreasonable delay by the affected councils in taking action. They sat unused and unloved for years, didn't they? The phone boxes in front of 295 Euston Road have no place here, particularly in view of the beautification actions mandated by Camden Council's West End Project. Please remove them. Thank you.



Dr Nicholas Hansen





Good morning,

I am the resident of the top floor of 295 Euston Road, as well as one of the trustees of the pension fund which controls the freehold of 295 Euston Road and the current lease of 293 Euston Road.

There are just 2 things I would like to point out regarding the issues raised by this application.

I'm aware that I'm living in a location in Central London where a certain rowdiness and noise ("anti-social behaviour") is to be expected. Although I now have to agree, that the gathering of what I assume to be East European "immigrants", which originally never bothered me, has grown out of proportion, and I can see that the number of people gathering on Euston Road and Warren Street can be quite intimidating to some.

Secondly, I must point out that the request for the removal of absolutely useless telephone boxes (even all these homeless East Europeans use their own mobile phone!) is not just an issue pursued by Mr. Iqbal for the last 2 years. The request for their removal goes back at least 15 years!

When my company, Sterns Music, was operating from 293 - 295 Euston Road, we had police officers, observing these telephone boxes (there are 3 of them, side by side!), from our office, in order to apprehend drug dealers and addicts, using these kiosks. In spite of that, the requested removal of these telephone boxes never happened. Responsibility was just passed from one organization to another.

Just for the record!

Robert Urbanus

