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To: Planning [REDACTED]

Subject: Planning Application - 2018/2996/P - Pavement between Gairloch House and Pooja Court opposite Manston Block of Agar Grove Estate, NW1

FAO Nora-Andreea Constantinescu

Thank you for allowing me to comment on planning application 2018/2996/P in relation to the re siting of the phone box in Agar Grove, NW1.

I strongly object to this planning application.

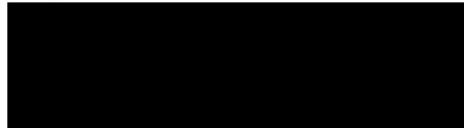
- Telephone kiosks are no longer used for their original purpose due to the fact that nearly every person is in possession of some kind of mobile device thus negating the need to use fixed land line telephone. As a result of this the phone boxes in The London Borough of Camden have now become 'crime generators' and a focal point for anti-social behaviour (ASB). So the planned re siting of the 'old style' telephone kiosk is not going to benefit the community or local area.
- My own previous experience of policing Camden highlights the above ASB, ranging from witnessing the taking of Class A drugs, urination, littering, the placing of 'Prostitute Cards', graffiti, sexual activities and a fixed location for begging. All of which have occurred within the current telephone kiosks. Also, due to poor maintenance any that are damaged or are dirty do not get cleaned, which makes the telephone kiosk unusable and an eye sore. Following the 'Broken Window' theory, if a location looks and feels that it is uncared for and in a state of disrepair then this leads to other criminal activity occurring within that location. As the pictures provided by the applicant show the current phone box matches my own comments and does not even have a door which has probably not been replaced following a criminal damage offence. Even if this repositioning is allowed to go ahead there is no guarantee that a maintenance strategy is even in place to address all the problems that a telephone kiosk generates. Therefore the 'new' telephone kiosk will soon become like the current one.
- It would be in the best interest for all the local residents that this telephone kiosk is actually removed from Agar Grove permanently as it is no longer needed.

Kind regards

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