



Dear Jaspreet,

TfL Spatial Planning Reference: 18/4299

Borough Reference: 2018/5549/P

Location: Land Adjacent to 39 Tottenham Court Road LONDON W1T 2AR

Proposal: Installation of 1 x telephone kiosk on the pavement.

Thank you for consulting TfL with regard to the above planning application.

For the below reasons, TfL Spatial Planning objects to the granting of prior approval for a new phone kiosk on behalf of TfL.

The site of the proposed phone kiosk is on A400 Tottenham Court Road, which forms part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). While the Local Authority is the Highway Authority for those roads, TfL has a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to ensure that any proposal does not have an adverse impact on the SRN.

TfL notes that this phone kiosk application does not appear to be contingent on removal of more than one phone kiosk in exchange for the new unit proposed, so that it would not contribute to an overall reduction of phone kiosks across Hackney's public realm.

We remind the applicant and Council that the current London Plan Policy 6.10 (Walking) refers to 'promoting simplified streetscape, decluttering and access for all' and also states that Planning Decisions 'should ensure high quality pedestrian environments and emphasise the quality of the pedestrian and street space'. TfL Spatial Planning takes the view that the phone kiosk proposed would not contribute in any way to a high quality pedestrian environment or emphasise the quality of pedestrian and street space.

The draft London Plan Policy D7 (Public Realm) states 'Ensure that shade and shelter are provided with appropriate types and amounts of seating to encourage people to spend time in a place, where appropriate. This should be done in conjunction with the removal of any unnecessary and dysfunctional clutter of street furniture to ensure the function of space and pedestrian amenity is improved. Applications which seek to introduce unnecessary street furniture should normally be refused'.

Policy T2 (Healthy Streets) of the draft London Plan states that 'Development proposals should demonstrate how they will deliver improvements that support the ten Healthy Streets Indicators in line with Transport for London guidance.' TfL does not consider that the application will deliver any improvements which support any of the ten Healthy Streets Indicators.

Unnecessary and dysfunctional street clutter in any location in the footway on the SRN or the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) has an obvious adverse impact on the movement of pedestrians, which goes against TfL's statutory network management duties.

Kind regards,

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