

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2018/5533/P	Cecilia Yee	11/12/2018 23:48:41	OBJ	<p>On behalf of the Achilles Road Residents Group, and as residents of Fortune Green, we strongly object to the proposed installation of a telephone kiosk on this already congested pavement. We previously objected to an earlier application (2018/0349/P) by the same agent and are alarmed that they are now appealing when the decision was already made – Approval Refused (16-3-18). Previous objections, including from a local councillor and the Met Police, were submitted earlier in the year, opposing the site of this kiosk. We urge Planning to consider all previous comments, as most residents are unaware of this Appeal. Our previous objections still stand and we are therefore resubmitting our comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This is a heavily used narrow strip of road, which experiences high footfall particularly from young children and parents/carers (there is a children's nursery as well as an after school children's centre, Explore Learning, directly opposite the proposed site), frequent gym goers (we have 2 gyms within 100m), bicycles, prams, and a busy Tesco Express. Installation of a phone kiosk here would obstruct the flow of pedestrian traffic. Tesco trucks, delivery vans and illegally parked cars are already frequently crowding the area. In addition there is a well-used driveway for the residents of Joan Court at 57 Fortune Green Road further adding to the congestion. Cluttering this busy pavement would hinder visibility as well as pedestrian movement, and therefore become a safety hazard, particularly to small children. 2) There is also a metal bicycle stand located next to the proposed site, as well as a lovely tree in the middle of the pavement where dogs are often tied to when their owners are in Tesco Express or Explore Learning. 3) A telephone kiosk on this pavement would add unnecessary street clutter and detract from the character and appearance of the local surroundings, contrary to policy D1 (Design) of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017 and Policy 2 of the Fortune Green West Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2015. While the design of the kiosk has been changed from the previous application, we can only note that they have managed to make it even more unsightly and further out of character with the surroundings! A black laminated LED-lit monolith structure that stands well over 3 metres tall and 1.325 metres wide is not consistent with any nearby street furniture. It's a Beast! It would be visually intrusive and hugely dominant in this street setting. If advertisements were to be shown on the kiosk, the visual would be even more distracting. 4) This kiosk could be a potential crime hotspot for drugs, graffiti, vandalism and general anti-social behaviour. Directly opposite the entrance of the children's learning centre is a completely inappropriate location for a kiosk. The Met police have already warned that these will become "crime generators" and have actively opposed the installation of any such kiosks in Camden and across London. 5) This phone structure would become the new dumping ground for litter and fly-tipping which is already a huge problem in the area and in particular in the adjacent park. 6) This is a relatively quiet residential area so majority of those frequenting the area live locally and therefore have no need for this type of kiosk. There are already 2 existing K2 red telephone boxes 50 metres from the proposed site. 7) Last year Camden refused approval for the installation of 4 telephone kiosks on West End Lane (Application Ref: 2017/5429/P) on these similar grounds, and we strongly urge that the same refusal be given to this application.