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London Borough of Camden  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

Re: The Installation of a Communication Hub on the Highway by an electronic communications code operator Pursuant to Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the above Order and S106 of the Communications Act 2003

Infocus Public Networks Ltd ('the Company') is a licensed electronic communications network provider and as such has statutory powers through the Communications Regulator (Ofcom) and the electronic communications code ('the Code') under section 106 of the Communications Act 2003.

The Company intends to install and maintain a number of public payphone/Communication hubs within London Borough of Camden and therefore in accordance with the provisions of Part 16 of the above Order ("GPDO") hereby submits prior notification documentation concerning matters of siting and appearance in accordance with the guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework "NPPF".

In support of this application I have attached to the Planning Portal Application the following additional documents:

- OS scaled plans 1:200 & 1:1250 indicating the proposed location of the Payphone
- Technical Specification of the Payphone
- Payment for prior notification
- Site location photograph

### The Status of the Application

You will appreciate that this is not an application for planning permission. The installation and maintenance of electronic communications apparatus on the Highway by an electronic communications operator is granted planning permission by virtue of the GPDO, subject to notifying the local planning authority prior to development taking place, in order to consider whether, on matters of siting and appearance, prior approval is required.

Telecommunication development is permitted under the Order and therefore the purpose of the submission is confined to the consideration of siting and appearance rather than the principle of the payphone installation. The procedure is analogous to reserved matters following the granting of planning permission<sup>1</sup>

### Siting

The site selection process, for the purpose of this proposal, has been informed by various published street design guidance that sets out best practice on accessible street furniture to ensure unobstructed footpath widths of no less than 2m are maintained.

As far as possible the proposed payphone kiosk is positioned away from other items of furniture and fixed elements of the street so as to avoid an excess of equipment that would present a cluttered appearance. Proximity to pedestrian desire lines, shop frontages and heritage assets has also informed the choice of location for the new payphone unit to ensure settings are not harmed by this proposal.

### Appearance

The payphone has been designed around the scale of other forms of furniture and has been designed with a narrow profile to the street. The structural details and materials used in the construction of the unit, together with the public facilities it provides, is contained within the All in One Planning Document. The structure incorporates a projecting canopy to shield phone users from the elements, which includes clear glazed side sections to maintain visibility through the structure.

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1. Murrell v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government & Broadland District Council [2010] EWCA cir 1367 CA civ div

The unit has been designed and built to a high standard and is intended to create a quality standard, in terms of build and function, for this type of street furniture.

The unit is fabricated as per technical specification provided and powder coated Metal Chain Grey (JCD 7002) so as to blend into the street scene and not to appear overly conspicuous within the immediate context. The payphone unit has been designed specifically to be fully accessible to those with impaired mobility who rely upon a wheelchair or scooter and for whom the traditional enclosed phone kiosk proved inaccessible.

It is considered that the installation of the public payphone at the application site, as described within the attached documentation, is acceptable with respect to matters of siting and appearance is supported by Government guidance in Chapter 10 of the (NPPF) 2019, on the provision of advanced high quality and reliable communication infrastructure, and therefore prior approval under the requirement of Class 16 or the GPDO, if required, should be granted in accordance with the Order.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N Still', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval border.

Mr N Still

***For and on behalf of Infocus Public Networks Ltd***