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Delivered by hand

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Dear Jennifer Dawson

I am writing to you to object to application number 2021/2112/P to replace a telephone kiosk with another kiosk outside 100-106 Southampton Row London WC1B 5AB.

Some years ago I complained to Camden about the current phone kiosk when it suddenly appeared. Apparently at that time legislation allowed some companies to put phone kiosks on the pavement and to have them removed Councils would have to object to them. Camden apologised saying they had missed the deadline to do this and so the kiosk stayed.

Since that time the kiosk has been a rubbish dump, curtained over for street sleeping and for advertisements of various types.

The large design of the kiosk leaves little doubt that advertising is its principal purpose and there has been little observable attempt to keep the kiosk and phone in good order over the years.

Because of its size it obstructs the pavement and causes a further problem of reduced visibility along the pavement, which can result in potentially dangerous situations.

There is a proliferation of E-scooter riders and cyclists on the pavement and they cannot see pedestrians, nor pedestrians see them, when each is hidden by the kiosk. When passing around the kiosk the two are confronted with each other. My own recent experience one evening was, if I had been a second or two sooner walking round the kiosk, I would have been smashed into by a delivery cyclist racing along the pavement.

I do not see any photo or drawing of the new proposed kiosk but the same objections would apply.

The current kiosk should never have been on the street and it should be removed and no replacement allowed. There was and still is a working phone box nearby for those who do not have the use of a mobile phone.

Yours sincerely



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