



**BLOOMSBURY
CONSERVATION AREAS**
Advisory Committee | Est. 1968

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General Objection to Proposed Replacements of Infocus Telephone Kiosks

The Bloomsbury CAAC objects to the proposed replacement of Infocus Telephone Kiosks on design grounds. This objection applies to application numbers:

- 2021/2111/P
- 2021/2106/P
- 2021/2112/P
- 2021/2113/P
- 2021/2116/P
- 2021/2103/P
- 2021/2105/P

The proliferation of street clutter and inappropriate advertisement in the public realm can cause great harm to the significance of a conservation area and the setting of the listed buildings within them.

In our view the proposed replacement kiosks are of an exceptionally poor design quality and cause harm to the significance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area and the setting of affected listed buildings. Cumulatively the harm is unacceptable.

Large illuminated advertisement screens are a completely unacceptable feature within the historic environment and are generally to be resisted within any townscape.

The overall design of these items is of a very poor quality and inappropriate within the setting of designated heritage assets.

By their prominence and poor design these items will likely attract antisocial behaviour, including vandalism, fly-posting, and public urination, encouraging crime and contributing towards a fear of it.

The Bloomsbury CAAC therefore objects strongly to these applications and recommends that they are refused.

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