

Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee	Camden Town
Application ref	2021/3744/P
Address	o/s 20/22 Camden High Street BT Public Telephone Kiosk Public Footway London NW1 0JH
Planning Officer	Nora-Andreea Constantinescu
Comments by	08 Nov 2021
Proposal	Change of use from BT Standard KX100 Series public telephone kiosk to a Standard KX100 Series with new antenna containing small cell equipment and fan vent.
Objection	Yes
Observations	<p>The CAAC objects to this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the existing public telephone kiosk is not of historic interest owing to its poor intrinsic design quality. It should therefore not be retained in any form whatsoever, now that its original function is no longer required.- its appearance detracts from the commercial street scene: this is the case whether neglected and covered in fly-posting, or 'spruced up' and masquerading as a useable phone box (even if not available for use in that way).- its continued presence on the pavement will attract further graffiti / street art and fly-posting which has a detrimental impact on visual amenity.- the phone box takes up valuable public realm that would be better utilised for other objectives on the High Street, such as providing ease and equality of access. <p>The Committee is of the view that street clutter, which the retained kiosk contributes to, has a strong negative impact on the public realm in the commercial area of the CA, and should be minimised wherever possible. Removing redundant kiosks would be a significantly positive step in achieving this. Prolonging their existence by enabling a future ongoing use for them, is therefore considered unacceptable. Furthermore members are concerned that this will provide an opportunity for LED advertisements to be introduced in future.</p>

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The application should be refused for the above reasons.

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