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 OBJECTION: 2022/0051/P



The Bloomsbury CAAC objects to application 2022/0051/P for the removal and re-siting of an historic telephone box.

The telephone box, while unlisted, is an important historic street feature. Each of these makes a considerable contribution to the character and appearance of the conservation area. While these have often been neglected, this should not be used as a reason to allow unorthodox or harmful alterations. Paragraph 196 of the NPPF supports such a view.

It is unclear from the application why the applicant wishes to remove the box to another location. Such a change would inevitably cause damage to the historic fabric of the telephone box. Alternatively, it may be that the telephone box is not historic or that there is a safe method for its removal, transportation, and re-erection. Either way, it is for the applicant to explain their approach and to prove that their changes do not affect significance or that benefits outweigh harm to significance, as supported by paragraph 194 of the NPPF.

As such, we consider this application to be inappropriate without further detail, and formally object.

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