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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Refused

Address:

**Pavement outside No.
72 Russell Square
London
WC1B 5BA**

Proposal: Installation of a new phone hub unit following removal of existing kiosk as part of wider proposals to replace Infocus telephone kiosks.

Drawing Nos: Site Maps and Visuals (A01606); Cover letter dated 30th April 2021; Pre Application response by Camden Council dated 27/07/2020; List of existing and proposed kiosks; existing site locations; proposed site locations; Communication Hub Management Plan dated 1st October 2020 ; Camden Small format Digital Advertising Specification; Sustainability aims and achievements; suggested conditions and reasons and Pavement Remediation

The Council has considered your application and decided to **refuse** planning permission for the following reason(s):

Reason(s) for Refusal

- 1 The proposed telephone kiosk, by reason of its location, size and design, would add visual clutter, detrimental to the character and appearance of the streetscape, the setting of adjacent listed buildings and the wider Bloomsbury Conservation Area contrary to policies D1 (Design) and D2 (Heritage).

- 2 The proposed telephone kiosk, by virtue of its location and size, adding to unnecessary street clutter, would reduce the amount of useable, unobstructed footway, which would be detrimental to the quality of the public realm, cause harm to highway safety and hinder pedestrian movement and have a detrimental impact on the promotion of walking as an alternative to motorised transport, contrary to policies G1 (Delivery and location of growth), A1 (Managing the impact of development), C6 (Access for all) and T1 (Prioritising walking, cycling and public transport) of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.
- 3 The proposed telephone kiosk, adding unnecessary street clutter, would create increased opportunities for crime in an area which already experiences issues with crime, therefore the proposal would be contrary to Policy C5 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017
- 4 In absence of a legal agreement to secure the removal of the existing kiosks the proposal would be detrimental to the quality of the public realm, and detract from the character and appearance of the conservation area, contrary to policies D1 (Design), D2 (Heritage), G1 (Delivery and location of growth), A1 (Managing the impact of development), C6 (Access for all) and T1 (Prioritising walking, cycling and public transport) of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

- 1 If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.UK.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent>

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer