

# Proposed Change of Use K6 Telephone Boxes adjacent to Lissenden Gardens and Highgate Road

## Heritage, Design & Access Statement

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## 1. Introduction, Brief and Heritage

- 1. The telephone boxes are situated on Little Park Gardens. There is no formal address for the telephone boxes and therefore the telephone number provides the telephone box's identification. The number is 020 7485 7639
- 2. Giving Hands Charity Trust approached Domus Architects + Project Mangers Ltd with a brief to design apply for a change of use to A1.
- 3. The K6 was the first red telephone box designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the coronation of King George V in 1935. The K6 kiosk is constructed of cast-iron sections, bolted together, standing on a concrete base. Its general form is a four-sided rectangular box with a domed roof. Three sides of the kiosk are glazed, with eight rows of three panes of glass; a wide central pane of glass and two outer, narrow panes. There is reeded moulding around the window panel corresponding to the dimensions of the door opening, disguising that there is an opening on one side only. The door is of teak, with a metal "cup" handle. For weatherproofing there is a drip cap above the door. The back panel has a blank, moulded panel conforming to the dimensions of the windows, and cable holes either side of the foundry plate at the foot of the kiosk. Above the main body of the kiosk is a plain entablature, set back from the face of the kiosk. The entablature carries a rectangular slot for signage, with trim moulding. Set into the slot is an illuminated telephone sign, with serif capital lettering on opaque glass. Ventilation slots are inserted below the signage slot. The roof of the kiosk is domed, formed by segmental pediments, with a convex-moulded edge. The pediments carry a moulded Royal crown.

## 2. Design Approach

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- 3. The existing glass panels will be upgraded with safety glass to comply with BS EN 12600:2002.
- 4. The existing handset will be removed and replaced with a sim card dispenser. **The** existing support structure will be reused to support the SIM card holder. There are no new connections to the existing listed fabric.







5. An LED lamp will be fitted to the ceiling of the box internally. There is currently an existing bayonet light fitting which is to be removed to allow installation of LED light fitting

#### 2. Amount

1. The proposal does not increase the area and the existing telephone box.

#### 3. Use

1. The proposed use is for A1.

#### 4. Layout

- 1. The site is located on the corner of Lissenden Gardens and Highgate Road.
- 2. The site does not cause any site restrictions or obstacle to pedestrians or vehicles.

#### 5. Scale

1. The footprint of the telephones box will remain as existing.

## 6. Appearance

1. The appearance of the telephones box will remain the same.

## 7. Operation

1. The use will be self service and open 24hours a day

## 8. Waste collection/ disposal and storage of products

 There will be no off site storage for goods or any need for waste collection or disposal. The vending machine will be check and refilled on a weekly basis.

#### 9. Maintenance of Phone Box

 The phonebook will undergo a 6 monthly check to review the condition and determine any maintenance. There will also be a visual inspection when the vending machine will be refilled.

## 3. Access

1. Access to the telephone box remains unaltered to the existing telephones box.

#### 2. Transport Link

1. Good public transport services, car parking and shopping area surround the site.

#### 3. Road Layout







1. The existing road layout remains unchanged.

#### 4. Inclusive Access

1. The scheme provides for inclusive access without limitation by way of age, disability, ethnic or social groupings.

## 4. Summary

The proposed change of use of the telephone box to A1 will enhance the longevity of this iconic street landmark. Mobile phones and the often poor condition of the telephone boxes have led to the demise of their use as a public telephone box. Many local authorities have embraced the change of use as they have acknowledged that whilst the telephone box remains an integral part of the street scene, their longevity can only be sustained by redefining their use.





