

## **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

### **Final Notification under Section 49 of the Communications Act 2003**

Decision by Wirral Council in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications Plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Schedule to a Direction published by Ofcom on 14 March 2006 ('the Direction').

1. On 4 November 2016, Wirral Council, in accordance with Section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Act') issued a notification setting out its draft response to a proposal by British Telecommunications Plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Direction ('the First Notification')
2. A copy of the First Notification was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 50(1)(b) of the Act.
3. In the First Notification, Wirral Council invited representations about the draft response by 9 a.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016. By agreement with British Telecommunications Plc the Council was granted an extension of time to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
4. Wirral Council has considered every representation about the response duly made to it and Ofcom has not notified Wirral Council of any international obligation of the United Kingdom for this purpose.
5. The final response is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
6. The effect of, and Wirral Council's reasons for making, the decision is set out in the Schedule of this Notification.
7. Wirral Council considers that the decision complies with the requirements of Sections 45 to 50 of the Act, as appropriate and relevant to the proposals.
8. In making the decision, Wirral Council has considered and acted in accordance with the six community requirements in Section 4 of the Act.
9. A copy of this Notification has been sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 50(1)(b) of the Act.
10. The Schedule to this Notification shall form part of this Notification.

David Ball

Assistant Director Environmental Services

A person authorised by Wirral Council to sign this Notification

11 January 2017.

## Schedule

Response by Wirral Council to a proposal by British Telecommunications Plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Schedule to a Direction published by OfCom on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Response</b> <i>Either Agree/ Adopt/Object</i>	<b>Reason(s)</b>
1.	0151 327 2230	O/S School, Plymyard Avenue, Bromborough CH62 6BJ	<b>Agree</b>	No objections have been received.
2.	0151 327 2313	OPP Adaston Avenue & Glenburn Avenue, Eastham CH62 8DJ	<b>Agree</b>	No objections have been received.
3.	0151 327 2321	PCO Stanley Lane, Eastham CH62 0AQ	<b>Object</b>	The Council notes that 121 calls have been made from this telephone box in the last 12 months which is not an insignificant number which suggests it still serves a useful social purpose. Additionally, this call box is a traditional red telephone kiosk design that contributes to the character of Eastham Village Conservation Area.
4.	0151 334 3532	O/S Bromborough Station, Allport Road, Bromborough CH62 6AA	<b>Object</b>	The Council notes that 361 calls have been made from this telephone box in the last 12 months which is not an insignificant number which suggests it still serves a useful social purpose. Additionally, this call box is located close to Bromborough Station and as such may well serve a health and safety objective for users of the adjacent station with value being placed on having the option to use the PCB in an 'emergency.'
5.	0151 334 3951	Near 37 Palatine Road, Bromborough CH62 2DT	<b>Agree</b>	No objections have been received.

6.	0151 336 3441	Thornton Hough Village, St George's Way CH63 1JJ	<b>Object</b>	<p>The Council acknowledges that the number of calls in the last 12 months from this PCB is very low. However, the box is a traditional red telephone kiosk design that contributes to the significantly to the character of Thornton Hough Conservation Area, being predominantly located in the centre of the village at the junction of St George's Way with B5136 which is the main route through the Conservation Area. The box is considered to be play an important part in the character and heritage of Thornton Hough Village.</p> <p>Thornton Hough Community Trust Ltd. has also made representations that the coverage for certain networks in the village are patchy at best and non-existent for others and urges BT to retain the box for operational use, especially in the event of emergencies. They also stress that the box contributes significantly to the setting and character of the Conservation Area.</p> <p>Additionally 3 objections from local residents have been received citing poor mobile signal coverage and also the heritage aspects of the red K6 telephone kiosk style box within the village.</p>
7.	0151 336 3551	Raby Mere Road Raby Road CH64 9UZ	-	Not within Wirral administrative boundaries.

8.	0151 342 2339	Outside Village Road, Heswall CH60 0DX	<b>Object</b>	<p>The Council notes that 85 calls have been made from this telephone box in the last 12 months which is not an insignificant number which suggests it still serves a useful social purpose. Additionally, this call box is a traditional red telephone kiosk design that contributes significantly to the setting and character of the Lower Heswall Conservation Area being predominantly situated within the heart of the old village and adjacent to a number of commercial premises.</p> <p>Representations have also been received from the Heswall Society, a local amenity society who are actively involved in all local environmental issues in Heswall and are active in retaining the local distinctiveness and character of Heswall and Gayton. The Society considers the PCB contributes to the character of the village and has also expressed an interest in adopting the PCB. The Society has indicated that they would like the kiosk retained and are prepared to adopt it.</p> <p>Address: The Heswall Society, Grove House, 14 Queens Drive, Heswall, Wirral CH60 6SH</p>
9.	0151 638 4171	JNC Cliff Road & Breck Road, Wallasey CH44 3BD	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.

10.	0151 648 1211	Irby Mill, Hillview Road, Irby CH61 4XH	<b>Adopt</b>	<p>No objections received. The Council notes that 37 calls have been made from this telephone box in the last 12 months which may indicate it still serves some useful social purpose.</p> <p>As a traditional red kiosk design, representations have been made to the Council that the Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society are prepared to maintain and pay to have the kiosk retained and have indicated that they are supported in this initiative by local residents.</p> <p>Address: ITPAS, 96 Mill Hill Road, Irby, Wirral, CH61 4XG</p>
11.	0151 648 1590	JCT Greenway Devonshire Road Heswall CH61 8SP	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
12.	0151 648 1661	OPP Sparks Lane, Pensby Road, Heswall CH61 5UA	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
13.	0151 648 2361	JNC Pensby Road & Ashlea Road, Pensby CH61 5UG	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
14.	0151 648 2968	JCT Ridgemere Road & Ridgefield Road, Pensby CH61 8RS	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
15.	0151 648 3439	JNC Beaumaris Drive & Barnston Road, Heswall CH61 1AR	<b>Object</b>	The Council notes that 257 calls have been made from this box in the past 12 months which appears to suggest that the PCB still retains some significant social purpose. The tenure of housing in this area (a significant proportion of rented property) may

				suggest people without access to a mobile and/or fixed telephone.
16.	0151 648 3454	JNC Kings Drive & Bentley Road, Irby CH61 9QB	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
17.	0151 342 2673	Opposite Brimstage Hall, Brimstage Road CH63 6JA	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
18.	0151 342 2726	JNC Whitfield Lane and Downham Road South, Heswall CH60 5RQ	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
19.	0151 342 2772	JNC Quarry Road West and Telegraph Road, Heswall CH60 0AD	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
20.	0151 608 4599	JNC Kings Road & Broadway, Bebington CH63 5ND	<b>Object</b>	The Council notes that 350 calls have been made from this box in the past 12 months which appears to suggest that the PCB still retains some significant social purpose. The tenure of housing in this area (a significant proportion of rented property) may suggest people without access to a mobile and/or fixed telephone.
21.	0151 625 8618	Anglesey Road and Orrysdale Road, West Kirby CH48 5EN	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
22.	0151 632 1161	Top of Deneshey Road and Birkenhead Road, Meols CH47 0LA	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.

23.	0151 632 3003	JNC Birkenhead Road and Greenwood Road, Meols CH47 6AD	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
24.	0151 632 3725	Carsthorpe Road and Carr Lane, Hoylake CH47 4AY	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
25.	0151 677 5120	O/S Flats Stavordale Road Moreton CH46 9PG	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
26.	0151 677 5301	JNC Mill Lane and Danefield Road, Greasby CH49 3PB	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.
27.	0151 677 6771	JNC Sandbrook Drive and Cherrytree Road, Moreton CH46 9RD	<b>Agree</b>	No objections received.