Chief Planning Officer Pendle Borough Council Nelson Town Hall Market Street Nelson BB9 7LG

26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 <u>TIME SENSITIVE</u> - 90 Day Consultation period end date: 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Dear Planning Officer** 

Further to our previous letter, we are writing to you as part of a formal consultation process regarding our current programme of intended public payphone removals. This letter formally starts our consultation with you and the local community.

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There are currently 17 public payphones in your area which have been identified and proposed for removal by BT under the 90-day consultation process and details of these payphones are shown below.

To ensure that the local community are fully informed, we have placed consultation notices on the relevant payphones, and a sample notice is enclosed. We have also included the date we posted these notices on the payphones. The consultation period will close on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016. <u>Unless you contact us to agree otherwise, responses received after this date will not be accepted</u>.

This consultation process gives your local communities the opportunity to adopt a traditional red 'heritage' phone box and make them an asset that local people can enjoy. It's really simple to do and it costs just £1 - <u>http://business.bt.com/phone-services/payphone-services/adopt-a-kiosk/</u>

Overall use of payphones has declined by over 90 per cent in the last decade and the need to provide payphones for use in emergency situations is diminishing all the time, with at least 98 per cent of the UK having either 3G or 4G coverage. This is important because as long as there is network coverage, it's now possible to call the emergency services, even when there is no credit or no coverage from your own mobile provider.

You may also want to consider the recent Ofcom affordability report which found that most people do not view payphones as essential for most consumers in most circumstances http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/research/affordability/affordability\_report.pdf

On the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 the Office of Communications (Ofcom) published a statement following their 2005 review of universal service in the Telecommunications market, which includes a requirement for payphone

British Telecommunications plc Registered office: 81 Newgate Street London EC1A 7AJ Registered in England No 1800000 www.bt.com provision to meet reasonable needs. Part of that statement amended our obligations with regard to the removal of payphone service - <u>http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/consultations/uso/uso\_statement/</u>

As stated in Ofcom's 2005 review, it is the responsibility of the local authority to initiate its own consultation process to canvas the views of the local community. They would normally expect these consultations to involve other public organisations such as the Parish or Community councils and work within the terms of the Communications Act 2003. This means that you must be able to objectively justify your decisions.

Full guidance on the removal process can be viewed at: <u>http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removals.pdf</u> and a summary is available at: <u>http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removing\_callboxes.pdf</u>

The guidance also details the appeals process we must follow in case of unreasonable objections.

## What you need to do next

Please complete and return the attached annex with your decision on each payphone.

If the decision is that the local community wish to 'adopt', please provide their contact details and we'll do the rest.

If you wish to 'object', you'll need to complete the last column with your reasons, having reviewed all of the factors set out in Annex 1 of Ofcom's guidance (see link above), and the information sent to you in our previous letter.

If the information is incomplete for any payphone in the list, then we'll assume you have no objection to its removal and also that you do not wish to adopt it.

The best way to respond to us is by email at <u>btp.authorisation.team@bt.com</u>. Please retain proof that the email was sent or apply a read receipt. If you would prefer to respond by post please use the following address and allow at least two days for postal delivery:

**BT Payphones** pp 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Monument TE 11 – 13 Great Tower Street London EC3R 5AO

You will need to obtain proof of postage from your local post office and be aware that we are unable to receive mail that requires a signature.

If you've got any questions then please get in touch with us by emailing btp.authorisation.team@bt.com.

Yours sincerely

Rick Thompson Payphone Planning Officer

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	Agree/ Adopt/ Object								
	Posting Completed Date	15/09/2016	15/09/2016	15/09/2016	15/09/2016	15/09/2016	15/09/2016	15/09/2016	15/09/2016
	Number of calls in last 12 months	132	3	0	0	319	1	274	117
	Post Code	BB9 8JH	BB12 9JR	BB9 6NU	BB12 9EE	BB9 8AP	BB12 9LQ	BB12 9JX	BB9 7JB
Pendle District	Address	JCN MERCLESDEN AVE MARSDEN HALL RD NORTH NELSON	OUTSIDE ST MARYS CHURCH NEWCHURCH VILLAGE NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE BURNLEY	NR TO LISLEITRIM CROWTREES ROUGHLEE NELSON	OPP ENT TO FENCE GATE HOTEL WHEATLEY LANE ROAD FENCE BURNLEY	O/S NO 25 GLENFIELD ROAD GLENFIELD ROAD NELSON	ADJ THORNEYHOLME SQUARE THORNEYHOLME SQUARE ROUGHLEE BURNLEY	ADJ CAR PARK BARLEYMOW REST BARLEY BURNLEY	JNC MAURICE ST ADJ 165 EVERY STREET NELSON
Pen	Telephone Number	01282449283	01282612308	01282612309	01282614207	01282615391	01282616111	01282616300	01282693726

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Post Code	BB12 9EY	BB18 6EY	BB18 5RX	BB18 6TF	BB18 6XL	BB8 7HP	BB8 7PX	BB8 9DR
Address	OPP 96 HIGHAM HALL ROAD HIGHAM HALL ROAD HIGHAM BURNLEY	OPPOSITE 64 COATES AVE COATES AVE BARNOLDSWICK	O/S COATES S.P.O SKIPTON ROAD BARNOLDSWICK	NEAR CRAVEN HEIFER INN COLNE ROAD KELBROOK BARNOLDSWICK	NEAR STATION HOTEL COLNE ROAD EARBY BARNOLDSWICK	JUNC KEIGHLEY ROAD KINGSLEY RD COLNE	BELOW PLEASANT VIEW NR 47 SKIPTON ROAD FOULRIDGE COLNE	O/S SAINSBURYS WINDY BANK RD NORTH VALLEY ROAD COLNE
Telephone Number	01282771210	01282812088	01282813088	01282842492	01282843473	01282863026	01282863218	01282863234

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Post Code	BB8 8JJ				
Address	JNC BRIERCLIFFE/ST&AVE BRIERCLIFFE ST COLNE				
	01282871055				

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Signature:

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