

BT consultation on removal of public payphone at the Telephone Exchange 306 Seacoast Road, Limavady	22nd November 2017
PLANNING COMMITTEE	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcome
Leader and Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Elected Members will provide civic leadership to our citizens working to promote the Borough as an attractive place to live, work, invest and visit.
Protect the environment in which we live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

For Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 BT Payphones consulted the Council on 26th October 2017 on the removal of a public payphone at the Telephone Exchange 306 Seacoast Road, Limavady.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1 BT have advised that the phone box needs to be removed to allow Council approved works. For information purposes, planning permission was granted on 10th October 2017 for the erection of a fibre optic street cabinet for superfast broadband adjacent to the telephone kiosk for BT under Planning reference LA01/2016/1339/F. The works proposed under LA01/2016/1339/F did not require the removal of the telephone Kiosk. BT have advised that the phone box has received very little use during the past twelve months and are therefore not proposing to relocate the service.
- 2.2 BT have advised that they are meeting their obligation to provide a Universal Service as there are other kiosks in the area. The nearest alternative payphone can be found outside the Coast Bar and Restaurant, 150 Seacoast Road, Limavady.
- 2.3 BT have an obligation to consult with the relevant public bodies on the proposed removal and require a response within 90 days.

3.0 Options

Option 1: Agree to support the removal: or

Option 2: Agree to oppose the removal.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members agree either Option 1 or 2 above to the proposed removal of the phone box and to the Head of Planning responding to BT on behalf of Council.

