

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 6

meeting date: THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2016
 title: BRITISH TELECOM PAYPHONE REMOVAL CONSULTATION
 submitted by: JOHN MACHOLC – HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Committee on the current request from British Telecom in relation to the closure of 50 public payphones within the borough.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 British Telecom, as part of their continuing review of public payphones has a periodic consultation in relation to the removal of payphones. The Council received formal notification of their intention on 11 October 2016 which indicated commencement of the 90 day consultation period which would expire on 14 January 2017.
- 2.2 They indicate that there are currently 50 public payphones in the borough which have been identified and proposed for removal under this consultation procedure. Appendix A to this report gives the list of the 50 phone boxes that are due for consideration.
- 2.3 A separate letter has also been sent to each Parish indicating the procedure and they have been asked to comment in writing or electronically to the Planning Department.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 It is important that the Parishes are aware of the intention and that there are opportunities to comment on the proposal. There are basically 3 possibilities to consider:
- That the community adopts the kiosk and loses the phone service. BT offers the opportunity for Parish Councils and registered charities to adopt a kiosk for £1, thereby protecting the heritage of the community should they consider the phone to be significant.
 - Make no objection to its removal.
 - Object to its removal and in doing so specify the reasons why.
- 3.2 To assist Committee relevant issues to consider in any objection for closure could be:
- the location of the telephone box in an area of poor mobile phone coverage;
 - a higher than average need to access emergency services in this location eg the phone box could be close to an accident blackspot;
 - it is in an area where there is predominantly private rented or council housing.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 It is important for Parishes to consider these options and if they have serious concerns that they make due representations to the Council as the Local Planning Authority who will forward the responses on to British Telecom.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter sent to Parish Councils dated 14 October 2016 (Appendix A)

For further information please ask for John Macholc, extension 4502.

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APPENDIX A



RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

please ask for: VICTORIA WALMSLEY
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To whom it may concern

The Council has received notification from BT, regarding consultation on their current programme of proposed public payphone removals within the Borough, which may include some within your Parish.

They have identified 50 public payphones within the Ribble Valley which are deemed to have very low usage levels and it is their intention to remove them following a full consultation. Details of these payphones are enclosed and I would ask you to identify and comment on any within your Parish. As part of the process BT should have placed consultation notices in the relevant payphone kiosks.

The Council is required to carry out their own consultation process and to canvas the views of the local community. This letter forms part of this process and there is also an information report which is to be submitted to the Parish Council Liaison Committee on 27 October 2017.

In order to assist you I ask you to consider the following options.

There are three possibilities to consider:

1. That the community adopts the kiosk and loses the phone service. BT offers the opportunity for Parish Councils and registered charities to adopt a kiosk for just £1, thereby protecting the heritage of the community.
2. No objection to its removal.
3. Objection to its removal and a statement specifying the reasons for the objection.

For information, BT has provided some examples of factors that may be relevant:

- If there is predominantly privately rented or council housing in the area.

- There may be concerns about access to telephone services in areas with particularly low population densities.
- The payphone may be sited in an area of particularly poor mobile phone coverage.
- There may be a higher than average need to access emergency services, including breakdown services, due to specific local factors for example, the call box is near a known accident black-spot.

If you wish to comment on this consultation or make your views known to the Local Planning Authority, then please email planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk for the attention of Victoria Walmsley, Assistant Planning Officer, with your comments by Wednesday, 30 November 2016.

Yours sincerely

JOHN MACHOLC
HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

To: All Parish Council Clerks

List of Phone boxes to be removed

Ribble Valley District							
Telephone Number	Address	Post Code	Number of calls in last 12 months	Posting Completed Date	Agree/ Adopt/ Object	Comments/Reasons	
01200441410	OPP SOUTHPORT HOUSE SAWLEY CLITHEROE	BB7 4LE	1	15/09/2016			
01200441412	OPP GREENDALE VIEW SHAW TERRACE GRINDLETON CLITHEROE	BB7 4RA	2	15/09/2016			
01200442821	OPP 154 PIMLICO RD PIMLICO ROAD CLITHEROE	BB7 4PT	10	15/09/2016			
01200442826	ADI SWAN WITH TWO NECKS P H SWAN WITH TWO NECKS PENDLETON CLITHEROE	BB7 1PT	0	14/09/2016			
01200442827	ADJACENT TO LYNWOOD WHALLEY ROAD PENDLETON CLITHEROE	BB7 1PP	12	14/09/2016			
01200442829	JUNC WHALLEY ROAD TURNER ST CLITHEROE	BB7 1EQ	1	15/09/2016			
01200442832	JCT KING STREET NEW MARKET STREET CLITHEROE	BB7 2JW	70	15/09/2016			
01200442838	O/S LOW MOOR WK/MENS CLUB ST. PAULS STREET CLITHEROE	BB7 2LS	2	15/09/2016			

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01200445203	OPPOSITE COMMERCIAL HOTEL SYCAMORE GISBURN CLITHEROE	BB7 4HJ	45	15/09/2016		
01200445206	NR RAILWAY STATION SETTLE ROAD NEWSHOLME CLITHEROE	BB7 4JF	0	15/09/2016		
01200445215	OPP BUCK INN PARYTHORNE CLITHEROE	BB7 4JD	2	15/09/2016		
01200445266	ADJ PENDLE COTTAGE TWISTON CLITHEROE	BB7 4DD	0	15/09/2016		
01200445413	OPP MEMORIAL INSTITUTE STOPPER LANE RIMINGTON CLITHEROE	BB7 4DU	0	15/09/2016		
01200446242	ADI TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CHURCH STREET SLAIDBURN CLITHEROE	BB7 3ER	53	15/09/2016		
01200446243	FOUR LANE ENDS DUGDALE LANE SLAIDBURN CLITHEROE	BB7 4TR	1	15/09/2016		
01200446662	NR SCHOOL HOUSE COTTAGE NEWTON IN BOWLAND CLITHEROE	BB7 3DY	5	15/09/2016		

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01200447207	HOLDEN VILLAGE HOLDEN BOLTON BY BOWLAND CLITHEROE	BB7 4PP	2	15/09/2016		
01200447212	OPP FOREST BECKS FARM SETTLE ROAD BOLTON BY BOWLAND CLITHEROE	BB7 4NU	0	15/09/2016		
01200447242	LANE ENDS GRINDLETON LANE ENDS BOLTON BY BOWLAND CLITHEROE	BB7 4PH	1	15/09/2016		
01200447273	NR COACH & HORSES HOTEL MAIN STREET BOLTON BY BOWLAND CLITHEROE	BB7 4NW	4	15/09/2016		
01200448253	OPP COW ARK FARM COW ARK CLITHEROE	BB7 3DF	6	15/09/2016		
01200448659	OPPOSITE SUB POST OFFICE DUNSOP BRIDGE CLITHEROE	BB7 3BB	170	15/09/2016		
01254245307	JNC SUNNYSIDE AVENUE O/S WHALLEY ROAD WILPSHIRE BLACKBURN	BB1 9LJ	2	14/09/2016		
01254247315	O/S LANGHO SUB POST OFFICE WHALLEY ROAD LANGHO BLACKBURN	BB6 8EP	45	14/09/2016		

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01254247316	PCO CHURCH VIEW WILPSHIRE BLACKBURN	BB1 9HL	2	14/09/2016		
01254248785	O/S PETRE ARMS HOTEL WHALLEY RD LANGHO BLACKBURN	BB6 8AB	80	14/09/2016		
01254812145	NR TO SPREAD EAGLE HOTEL MELLOR LANE MELLOR BLACKBURN	BB2 7EG	1	16/09/2016		
01254812188	JUNC OF YEW TREE DRIVE PRESTON NEW ROAD MELLOR BLACKBURN	BB2 7NP	0	16/09/2016		
01254822141	O/S NO 65 MITTON ROAD, MITTON ROAD WHALLEY CLITHEROE	BB7 9RY	33	14/09/2016		
01254822235	O/S NO 77 KING STREET KING STREET WHALLEY CLITHEROE	BB7 9SW	0	14/09/2016		
01254822399	JUNC OF MITTON ROAD KINGSMILL AVENUE WHALLEY CLITHEROE	BB7 9PG	0	14/09/2016		

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01254823261	O/S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH BLK MITTON ROAD WHALLEY CLITHEROE	BB7 9PE	0	14/09/2016		
01254823310	OPP NO 14 OLD ROW WHALLEY ROAD BARROW CLITHEROE	BB7 9BA	66	14/09/2016		
01254826272	NR GATEWAY TO MITTON CHURCH CLITHEROE ROAD MITTON CLITHEROE	BB7 9PH	0	14/09/2016		
01254826273	JUNC OF TALBOT BRIDGE ROAD CLITHEROE ROAD BASHALL EAVES CLITHEROE	BB7 3DA	0	15/09/2016		
01254826289	OPP THE OLD BARN WALKER FOLD WALKER FOLD CHAIGLEY CLITHEROE	BB7 3LU	0	15/09/2016		
01254878210	JUNC OF THREE TURNS DUTTON GALLOWS LANE RIBCHESTER PRESTON	PR3 3XX	0	14/09/2016		
01254878370	JNC STONEY GATE LN OPP HOTEL CLITHEROE ROAD KNOWLE GREEN PRESTON	PR3 2YQ	0	14/09/2016		

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01282771995	ADJ TO 90 WHALLEY ROAD FORT STREET READ BURNLEY	BB12 7PP	41	14/09/2016		
01282772130	OPP HAUGH AVENUE (LAY-BY) WHALLEY ROAD SIMONSTONE BURNLEY	BB12 7HS	0	14/09/2016		
01729840257	MERE SYKE 1PCO WIGGLESWORTH SKIPPTON	BD23 4SN	0	15/09/2016		
01772782059	OUTSIDE 50 KESTOR LANE KESTOR LANE LONGGRIDGE PRESTON	PR3 3AD	104	14/09/2016		
01772782450	O/S TELEPHONE EXCHANGE GRUMPAX AVENUE LONGGRIDGE PRESTON	PR3 3JQ	10	14/09/2016		
01772782458	OPPOSITE 1 MARDALE ROAD MARDALE ROAD LONGGRIDGE PRESTON	PR3 3PQ	0	14/09/2016		
01772782479	JCN HIGHER RD FAIRSNAPPE AVENUE LONGGRIDGE PRESTON	PR3 3TL	7	14/09/2016		
01772783399	OUTSIDE DUKE WILLIAM P/H CHAPEL HILL LONGGRIDGE PRESTON	PR3 3JY	3	14/09/2016		

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01772783490	NEAR BANKS COTTAGES CHIPPING ROAD LONGRIDGE PRESTON	PR3 2NB	6	15/09/2016		
0199561220	OUTSIDE 2/4 CHURCH RAIKE CHURCH RAIKE CHIPPING PRESTON	PR3 2QL	41	14/09/2016		
0199561253	JUNCTION OF LONGRIDGE ROAD, HESKETH LANE CHIPPING PRESTON	PR3 2TH	1	14/09/2016		
0199561271	NR HIGHER GREYSTONELY FARM LEAGRAM PRESTON	PR3 2QT	0	15/09/2016		

Signature:

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