

2 October 2019

To: Councillors Phil Barnett; Jeff Beck; Nigel Foot; Chris Foster; Jon Gage; Roger Hunneman; Pam Lusby Taylor; Stephen Masters; Vaughan Miller; Andy Moore; Gary Norman; Tony Vickers

Substitutes: Jeffery Cant, Martin Colston, Jo Day, Billy Drummond, David Marsh; Martha Vickers.

Also: All Members of the Town Council for information.

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Planning & Highways Committee** to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, and Newbury on **Monday 7th October 2019 at 7.30pm**. The meeting is open to the press and public.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Peacocke
Chief Executive Officer

1. **Apologies**

Chief Executive Officer

2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Chairperson

To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted in this meeting and confirmation of any relevant dispensations.

3. **Minutes (Appendix 1)**

Chairperson

3.1 To approve the minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Monday 2019 (already circulated). (Appendix 1)

3.2 Report on actions from previous minutes.

4. **Questions and Petitions from Members of the Public**

Chairperson

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5. Members' Questions and Petitions

Chairperson

6. Hutton Close re-development

Chairperson

To receive a presentation from Sovereign Homes/ David Wilson Homes on the re-development of Hutton Close.

7. Schedule of Planning Applications (Appendix 2)

Chairperson

To comment on the planning applications listed at the attached schedule for which there are members of the public present.

8. Schedule of Planning Decisions (Appendix 3)

Chairperson

To receive and comment as necessary on the planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority listed at the attached schedule.

9. Schedule of Licensing Applications (Appendix 4)

Chairperson

To comment on the licensing applications listed at the attached schedule.

10. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal Under Section 78

Chairperson

Application No: 19/00938/FULD for Ullathorne, Kendrick Road, Newbury for Erection of a new two storey detached dwelling house.

Newbury Town Council's Comments: No objection

To note that the above-mentioned Appeal is to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written Representation. A copy of the document will be available at the meeting. Should the Council wish to make any comments at this stage, or withdraw, modify or add to any earlier comments the Council might have made, or request a copy of the decision letter, the Council should write to the Planning Inspectorate by Tuesday 29th October 2019.

11. Update from The Western Area Planning Committee

Chairperson

To receive an update on any relevant business from the Western Area Planning Committee.

12. BT public phone box at Shaw Road (Appendix 5)

Chairperson

To agree the Council's response, if any, to the consultation in this matter

13. Sandlesford Park Joint Working Group – Update

Chairperson

To receive an update on any relevant information.

**14. Forward Work Programme for Planning and Highways Committee meetings
2018/19 (Appendix 6)**

Chairperson

To note and agree any other items that Members resolve to add to the Forward Work Programme.

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held in the Council Chamber, Newbury Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury on Monday 16th September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Councillors Phil Barnett; Jeff Beck; Billy Drummond (substitute); Nigel Foot; Chris Foster; Roger Hunneman; Stephen Masters; Vaughan Miller; Andy Moore & Gary Norman (Chair).

In Attendance

Gillian Durrant, Finance and Corporate Services Manager.
Kym Heasman, Corporate Services Officer

46. Apologies

Councillors Jon Gage, Tony Vickers & Pam Lusby Taylor.

47. Declarations of interest

The Finance and Corporate Services Manager declared that Councillors Phil Barnett, Jeff Beck, Stephen Masters, Andy Moore and Billy Drummond are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

The Finance and Corporate Services Manager made the following statement on behalf of Councillor Phil Barnett who is a Member of West Berkshire Council Planning Committee and Jeff Beck and Stephen Masters who are Substitute Members of West Berkshire Council Planning Committee: "I wish to make it clear that any comments I make tonight are only being made in relation to the formulation of the Town Council's view and is not in any way prejudging the way that I may vote when any application is considered by West Berkshire District Council. At that time, I will weigh up all the evidence."

48. Minutes

The Finance and Corporate Services Manager reported on the following actions from the previous meeting:

- **Minute No. 90: GWR Community Fund Bid**
West Berkshire Council has submitted a bid to the GWR Community Fund for additional signage to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists getting to the train station. Funding does not need to be committed at this stage, however, WBDC have requested that NTC contributes £10,000 to the scheme, and members agreed to discuss this at the P&H Committee meeting on 18 November when the 2020/21 budget is debated.
- **Minute No. 88: Responses to Consultations**
 - i) 88.1: The Chief Executive has responded to the consultation on the proposed charges for buses and coaches at the wharf as follows:

“The Town Council is against the proposed charges and recommends that the charges for coaches at the Wharf Bus interchange be removed entirely, in order to grow and encourage this important business for the Town Centre.

Please acknowledge receipt of this response.

Can you also please advise how this matter will be confirmed- will it require approval at member level or is this decision delegated to an officer?”

ii) 88.3 Highway Winter Service Plan 2019/20 – Consultation
WBDC will be starting the review of the Council’s Winter Service Plan w/c 9 September 2019. The policy will be subject to an Individual Decision by the Council’s Portfolio holder in mid-October 2019

iii) Appeal re Semi-detached house being used as 6-bedroom HMO. Change of use for bedroom 7 to be used as HMO. (Application reference: 18/02205/FUL)

The Chief Executive wrote to the Planning Inspectorate on 3 September, as follows:

“This is to advise you that Newbury Town Council has changed its opinion in this matter and now supports the decision of the Planning authority in this matter.

The Town Council now recommends that you uphold the decision of the planning authority and refuse planning permission for this proposal.”

- **Appendix to minutes: Application deferred from 28 August**
19/02019/HOUSE 63 Paddock Road, Newbury for Mr Aucott
Proposed single storey rear extension and single storey side extension predominantly in the footprint of the existing dilapidated garage.
Replacement roof tiles and new rooflight.
This was dealt with as item 13 on Schedule 2
- **Minute No. 88.2: Consultation re waiting restrictions on Kings Road and Racecourse Road**
This was deferred from the meeting on 28 August. Documents were sent to members last week. Member had no comments on this consultation.
- **Minute No 79.2 (B) Conservation Area Appraisals**
Gary Norman stated that the Heritage Working Group in collaboration with the West Berkshire Heritage Forum have been informed by Mr Brian Little, Planning and Transportation Policy Manager of West Berks District Council that the Prioritisation Methodology for Conservation Area Appraisals, including a timetable for carrying them out, will be agreed by the Council

during October. Gary Norman, with other representatives of both Heritage groups, is to attend a progress meeting with Mr Little on 10th October and will report back at the next meeting of this committee after this date.

Proposed: Councillor Pill Barnett

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Wednesday 28th August 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

Councillor Jeff Beck abstained in the vote.

49. Questions and petitions from members of the public

There were none.

50. Members' questions and petitions

The Following Question was asked by Councillor Nigel Foot:

“What can this council do to help speed up the promised reopening of the valued Speen Moors walk.”

The following response was received:

“It was agreed that NTC would write to Sutton Estates to say how much both residents and visitors enjoy the walk around Speen Moor, that the Council is concerned about the prolonged closure of the walk, and should be grateful if Sutton Estates would keep NTC informed of progress in re-opening the path.

Councillor Stephen Masters has spoken to the Countryside officers at WBDC who said the permitted path license expired in January 2019, and that Sutton Estates started felling trees without the consent of the Environment Agency. Councillor Tony Vickers has also been speaking to the Mid-West Berkshire Local Access Forum, and he will hopefully update the committee on this at the next meeting.”

51. Schedule of planning applications

Resolved that the observations recorded at Appendix 1 to these minutes be submitted to the planning authority.

54. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Application No: - 19/00411/REM for Garden Land at 5 Normay Rise, Newbury for reserve matters application for a new dwelling with integral garage of appeal reference APP/W0340/W/17/3191372 (17/01808/OUTD). Matters to be considered: Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale.

Councillors did not agree with the previous committee's comments.

Proposed: Councillor Stephen Masters

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That new comments of objection be submitted to the Inspectorate, that the proposed development is too big and will not fit in with the street scene and character of neighbouring houses.

56. Update from the Western Area Planning Committee

No information to receive.

57. Sandleford Park Working Group – update

There was nothing new to report. The Finance and Corporate Services Manager agreed to ask Councillor Tony Vickers to email members with any updates.

10. Update on Section 215 of the Planning Acts

Members received the update.

Proposed: Councillor Nigel Foot

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved that the Town Council make an official complaint under Section 215 to West Berkshire District Council requesting that action be taken against the owners of the former cycle shop in Bartholomew Street, due to its dilapidated state. Additionally, members have requested that the Chief Executive Officer write to West Berkshire District Council and ask that owners of the bins left in Wharf Street keep their bins on their own property.

Members did not identify any further buildings that are 'injurious to the amenities of the area'.

58. Forward work programme for Planning and Highways Committee meetings 2019/20

Proposed: Councillor Nigel Foot

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That the Update on Section 215 of the Planning Acts be added to the agenda for the next meeting to consider how often this matter should be reviewed (currently quarterly)

There being no other business the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 21.18 hrs

Chairperson

**Planning & Highways Committee Meeting
Schedule of planning applications - Resolutions**

Running Order	Resolutions	Application Number	Location and Applicant	Proposal
1	Objection / comment: This is an over development of the area, poor access and egress and poor design of the undercroft parking.	19/02100/FULD	90 Turnpike Road, Newbury for RSS Property Investments.	Erection of new dwelling.
2	No objection provided use of appropriate materials.	19/02135/LBC2	49 Shaw Road, Newbury for Henry Kennedy	To Fit a standard 150mm diameter boiler flue to outside of building at the rear of the property, first floor, not visible from the street.
3	No objection.	19/02055/FUL	Ticktape House, 31 Bone Lane Newbury for Mr Kane	Conversion of existing ground floor offices to form mixed use comprising car showroom with retail component (mixed A1/A3(coffee shop), alterations to parking arrangements and provision of cycle stores, alteration of external elevations and upgrading of existing hard surfaced areas.
4	No objection.	19/02101/FULD	4C Gordon Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Scott Holland	Change of use of 4C Gordon Road into residential dwelling with first floor extension and associated works.
5	No objection.	19/02214/HOUSE	11 Mount Close Newbury for Mr and Mrs Taylor	Proposed two-storey front extension, with new front porch and new roof over existing garage. Additional parking with widened front access and dropped kerb
6	No objection.	19/02168/HOUSE	35 Almond Avenue, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Weeks	Single storey side extension.
7	No objection.	19/02200/HOUSE	2 Donnington Square	Oak Framed Carport

			Newbury for Mr N Vidovich	
8	No objection, subject to the conditions required by the tree and conservation officers .	19/02098/HOUSE	17 Holborne Close, Newbury for Ian Symonds	Replace old damaged garage with a new double garage.
9	Objection / comment: This will be an overdevelopment and is out of keeping with the street scene.	19/02072/REM	Garden Land 5 Normay Rise, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Power	Reserved matters application following outline application for a new dwelling with integral garage of appeal reference APP/W0340/W/17/3191372 (17/01808/OUTD). Matters to be considered: Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and scale.
10	No objection.	19/01493/ADV	Monument, 57 Northbrook Street, Newbury for EI Group PLC	Replacement fascia and projecting signage.
11	No objection.	19/01495/LBC2	Monument, 57 Northbrook Street, Newbury for EI Group PLC	Replacement fascia and projecting signage.
12	Members agree with previous comments submitted: Objections / comments, 1) There is a lack of amenity space and trees. 2) no cycling access/routes in the development. 3) Members support the comments and observations made by Shaw Cum Donnington Parish council. 4) Members supported the concerns made by the CCG.	18/03061/RESMAJ (Amended / Additional Plans)	Land Adjacent to Hilltop, Oxford Road, Donnington Newbury for David Wilson Homes	Reserved matters for phased development of 222 dwellings following approval of outline application 14/02480/OUTMAJ . Matters to be considered: Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale.
13	No objection.	19/02019/HOUSE	63 Paddock Road, Newbury for Mr Aucott	Proposed single storey rear extension and single storey side extension predominantly in the footprint of the existing dilapidated garage.

				Replacement roof tiles and new rooflight.
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**Planning and Highways Committee Meeting
Schedule of Planning Applications
Monday 7th October 2019**

Members are requested to consider the following planning applications, details of which will be tabled at the meeting and which are available for reference at the town hall prior to the meeting.

Running Order	Ward	Application Number	Location and Applicant	Proposal
1	Clay Hill	19/02299/HOUSE	24B Kiln Road, Newbury for Barry Eldred	Single storey extension to North side elevation (front elevation) of existing single storey building to provide care accommodation,
2	East Fields	19/02261/DEMO	The Court House and 20 Mill Lane, Newbury for Homes England	Application for prior notification of proposed demolition.
3	East fields	19/02423/HOUSE	30 Howard Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Piner	Section 73: Variation of condition 2 – Approved plans, planning permission 19/00959/HOUSE
4	Speenhamland	19/02279/FULD	Land Adjacent to 4 Croft Lane, Newbury for Geraldine & Roger Wilson	New 3 Bed House.
5	Wash Common	19/01645/HOUSE Amended Plans	19 Battery End, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Stacey	Amended Plans: Section 73A: Variation of Condition 2 – Approved Plans, of planning permission 19/00019/HOUSE (single storey extension with basement).
6	Wash Common	19/02342/HOUSE	25 Paddock Road, Newbury Mrs Caroline Braidwood	Demolition of existing garage and porch and construction of a single side and rear extension and associated works.
7	West Fields	19/02235/HOUSE	1 Buckingham Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Seward.	Single storey rear extension and new dormer window.

8	West Fields	19/02290/LBC2	Goldwell House, 5 Old Bath Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs S Prater	Change of use from office use to residential C3 dwelling house.
9	West Fields	19/02289/FULD	Goldwell House, 5 Old Bath Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs S Prater	Change of use from office use to residential C3 dwelling house.
10	West Fields	19/02324/LBC2	26 Northbrook Street, Newbury for TSB Head Office	Internal and roof repairs.

**Planning and Highways Committee Meeting
Monday 7th October 2019**

**Schedule of planning decisions & recommendations made by West Berkshire Council
(WBC)**

Application No.	Location And Application	Proposal	NTC Observations
19/01881/HOUSE	89 Enborne Road, Newbury for Mr & Mrs Genko	Two Storey Side Extension and single storey rear extension. Proposed loft to be connected into existing converted loft space.	Objection/comment: New position of door could cause overlooking.
WBC Final Decision – Approved			

**Planning and Highways Committee Meeting
Monday 7th October 2019
Schedule of Licensing Applications**

Licence	Applicant(S)	Premises
Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences & Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 Premises Licence – New Ref: 19/01161/LQN	Applicant: Mr Khanus Miah Location: Indigo Bay, 54-55 Bartholomew Street, Newbury RG14 5QA	Proposal: Supply of alcohol for consumption on premises Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 14:30 & 17.30 to 23.00

Licence	Applicant(S)	Premises
Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences & Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 Premises Licence – New Ref: 19/01277/LQN	Applicant: Co-operative Group Food Limited. Location: 4 Monument Close, Newbury, RG14 6QW	Proposal: Supply of Alcohol for consumption off premises Monday to Sunday from 07:00 to 23:00



Chief Planning Officer
West Berkshire Council
Council Offices
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24 September 2019

TIME SENSITIVE - 90 Day Consultation period end date: 23 December 2019

Dear Chief 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.

There are currently 9 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 attached.

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 23 December 2019.

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

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 Ofcom's 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 March 2006 Ofcom published a statement following their 2005 review of universal service in the telecommunications market, which includes a requirement for payphone provision to meet reasonable needs. Part of that statement amended our obligations with regard to the removal of payphone service:

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/34266/statement.pdf removal of payphone service https://www.ofcom.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/34266/statement.pdf

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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 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:

<http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removals.pdf>

and a summary is available at:

http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removing_callboxes.pdf

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 btp.authorisation.team@bt.com. 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 4th Floor Monument TE
11 – 13 Great Tower Street
London
EC3R 5AQ

You will need to obtain proof of postage 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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Please use this annex and return in this format to ensure that the telephone number of the kiosk is clearly shown.

A separate sheet can be used for further comments if required.

If you would like an electronic copy of this letter, please e mail bt.p.authorisation.team@bt.com

West Berkshire

Telephone Number	Address	Post Code	Number of calls in last 12 months	Posting Completed Date	Agree/ Adopt/ Object	Comments/Reasons
1 01189302277	JCN ENGLEFIELD ROAD PCOI CHURCH STREET THEALE READING	RG7 SBX	34	19/09/2019		
2 01189302515	JNC BRADFIELD RD PCOI BATH ROAD THEALE READING	RG7 SBJ	2	19/09/2019		
3 01189332593	JCN KING STREET PCOI VICTORIA ROAD MORTIMER COMMON READING	RG7 SSE	12	19/09/2019		
4 01189410538	OUTSIDE JAVS NEWS PCOI HILDENS DRIVE TILEHURST READING	RG31 SHY	59	19/09/2019		
5 01189504131	PCO PCOI UNDERWOOD ROAD READING	RG30 3LY	47	19/09/2019		
6 01635582368	NEAR NO.12 PCOI NORTHERN AVENUE DONNINGTON NEWBURY	RG14 2JJ	10	19/09/2019		
7 01635862108	JCN LITTLE LANE PCOI BROAD LANE UPPER BUCKLEBURY READING	RG7 6QJ	4	19/09/2019		
8 01635867654	JCN LOWER WAY & DERWENT ROAD PCOI DERWENT ROAD THATCHAM	RG19 3UT	2	19/09/2019		
9 0163333989	Shaw Road, Newbury	RG14 1HH	47	19/09/2019		

Signature:

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2 May 2019

Jane Rumble

Director Consumer Policy

publiccallboxes@ofcom.org.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Public call box removals

BT is currently engaged in a round of public call box removals and may be contacting you to seek your views, in accordance with regulatory obligations imposed by Ofcom. This letter gives more information about your role as a relevant local authority under those obligations and some factors you may wish to consider in your response.

Under Universal Service obligations set by Ofcom, BT must provide public call boxes in order to meet the reasonable needs of end-users in terms of geographical coverage, the number of public call boxes and the quality of call box services.

A public call box is a public pay telephone which is permanently installed on public land and to which the public has access at all times. This definition excludes many public pay telephones in locations such as stations.

If BT proposes to remove the last public call box at a site, it must notify the relevant local authority, and it cannot remove the box if the local authority objects in writing within 90 days (the 'local veto'). A site is defined as any area within a walking distance of 400 metres from that public call box. This means that a box could be nearer than 400 metres away as the crow flies, but not easily accessible because of an obstacle such as a railway line.

The process for removal of such public call boxes is set out in a Direction and Guidance published by Ofcom. We are writing to draw your attention to the Direction and Guidance and to respond to some questions that have been raised with us.

Direction: <http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/callboxdirection.pdf>

Guidance: <http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removals.pdf>

Why does BT seek to remove some public call boxes?

Public call box use has been in heavy decline, and 20% of public call boxes have not been used to make a call in the last twelve months. Mobile take-up and coverage are both high - 94% of adults personally use a mobile phone and 98% of premises have 3G/4G coverage. Mobile 'roaming' for emergency calls has been in place since 2009, meaning that where a caller has no signal from their provider, a 999 call will be switched automatically to another provider's network if there is one available.

BT uses its own published criteria (www.bt.com/payphones/removals) when considering which public call boxes to remove. These are intended to ensure that boxes are retained either where they are actively used or where there is a social need for their retention.

BT's 'overriding criteria' for payphone retention are:

- No mobile coverage (from any provider);
- Suicide hotspot;
- Accident blackspot;
- Coastal location.

Its 'reasonable needs' criteria are:

- The public call box in question is the only one within 800 metres;
- There are at least 500 households within 1 kilometre;
- At least 12 calls have been made from the public call box within the previous 12 months.

If a public call box meets any of the overriding criteria or all the reasonable needs criteria, BT has stated that it will not be proposed for removal.

Can a local authority veto the removal of a public call box because it is a local landmark or on 'heritage' grounds?

Ofcom's Guidance sets out matters that local authorities should take into account when making a decision to consent or object to BT's proposal to remove the last box from a site. In particular, at Annex 1 it sets out factors which Ofcom considers relevant to the decision. The Guidance explains that local authorities should refer to these factors and publish the reasons for their decision. BT could challenge a veto that it considers to be inappropriate in the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

BT's Universal Service Obligation applies to the telephone, not the kiosk. It would therefore be inappropriate for a local authority to object to removal of a public call box because it is a local landmark or on 'heritage' grounds. However, BT has a scheme (www.bt.com/adopt) whereby kiosks can be 'adopted' by bodies such as parish councils for £1. The telephone equipment is removed, and the kiosk can then be used for another purpose such as a community book exchange.

Can a local authority veto all public call box removals in its area?

Each public call box should be considered separately. Any local authority objection to removal of a public call box should be supported by clear, objective and proportionate reasons, related to the provision of the communications service at the box in question.

Can Ofcom give us more information about the public call boxes in our area?

Ofcom does not hold details of the locations of public call boxes or individual boxes that BT may be proposing for removal. BT will be able to give you information about the boxes in your area.

Yours faithfully,



Jane Rumble

Notice date:



PUBLIC NOTICE

Payphone kiosk removal

Hello.

Our information shows that this phone box has had very little use over a significant period of time.

We're therefore proposing to remove this phone box. There is a consultation period of 42 days from the above date.

Please contact your Local Authority if you have any comments.

If you'd like to know where the nearest alternative payphone is, or who your local authority is please contact us on:

0800 661 610 option 1

This number is only able to provide alternative payphone details and the name of your local authority.

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Future Work Programme for Planning and Highways Committee Meetings: 7 October 2019

Standing Items on each (ordinary meeting) agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Declarations and Dispensation
3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
 - 3.1 Report on actions from previous minutes
4. Questions/ Petitions from members of the Public
5. Questions/ Petitions from Members of the Council
6. Schedule of Planning Applications
7. Schedule of Planning Decisions (if any)
8. Schedule of Prior Approval Applications (if any)
9. Schedule of Licensing Applications (if any)
10. Update from The Western Area Planning Committee
11. Sandleford Park Joint Working Group – Update

16 September	Section 215 updates
7 October	Hutton Close presentation
	Section 215 updates
18 November	Proposals for Budget 20-21
	Cllr. Norman to attend meeting with Mr. B. Lyttle re Conservation area Appraisals on 10th October and will report back at the next meeting of this Committee after this.
9 December	Approve Canal Corridor Chapter for Town Design Statement
To be confirmed	The Future of the Kennet Centre
	A presentation on CIL collections
	Paths that have Cycle ban signs to be reviewed.
	A survey of all pathways/rights of way
	Secure arrangements for Town Centre bike parking
	<i>Strategy Working group requests P & H to set out "Green Credentials" and related issues which this Council should lobby to have included in the Local Plan Review</i>
June/ Sept/ December/ April (Quarterly)	Updates on Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Acts
<i>Each April/ October</i>	<i>To review progress on the implementation of the Town Plan</i>
Each November	Review of KPI's for Planning and Highways Committee
Each December	Send Budget proposals to RFO