



Notification under Section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003

Draft decision by Central Bedfordshire 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. Central Bedfordshire Council, in accordance with section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Act') hereby make the following draft decision in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Direction.

2. The draft decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.

6. The effect of, and Central Bedfordshire Council's reasons for making, the draft decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.

7. Central Bedfordshire Council consider 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 draft decision, Central Bedfordshire 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.

Sarah Hughes

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Schedule

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	Address	Number of calls in last 12 months	Parish	Ward	First Decision	Feedback from initial consultation with Town / Parish Councils
1	PCO Hazelwood Lane, Ampthill, Bedford, MK45 2EY 01525402176	4	Ampthill	Ampthill	OBJECT	
2	PCO High Street, Arlesey, SG15 6RA 01462731211	32	Arlesey	Arlesey	OBJECT	
3	PCO House Lane, Arlesey, SG15 6XU 01462731331	0	Arlesey	Arlesey	AGREE	
4	Jcn Lynton Avenue, High Street, Arlesey, SG15 6RA 01462735260	4	Arlesey	Arlesey	OBJECT	
5	Corner of Trunk Furlong, Aspley Guise, Milton Keynes, MK17 8HX 01908281379	0	Aspley Guise	Aspley & Woburn	AGREE	

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6	The Anchor PH, The Square, Aspley Guise, Milton Keynes, MK178 8DF 01908582348	5	Aspley Guise	Aspley & Woburn	OBJECT	
7	JCN Spinney Lane, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, Milton Keynes, MK17 8JU 01908 584511	0	Aspley Guise	Aspley & Woburn	AGREE	
8	JCN High Street, Manor Road, Barton-le-Clay, MK45 4NP 01582881353	0	Barton-le-Clay	Barton-Le-Clay	AGREE	
9	PCO Shortmead Street, Biggleswade, SG18 0AP 01767312289	0	Biggleswade	Biggleswade North / Biggleswade South	AGREE	
10	JCN London Road/Kitelands Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8NS	0	Biggleswade	Biggleswade North / Biggleswade South	AGREE	

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11	JCN Park View, Station Road, Blunham, Bedford, MK44 3NZ 01767640382	0	Blunham	Sandy	AGREE	
12	PCO Ridgeway Road, Brogborough, Bedford, MK43 OTA 01525280211	0	Brogborough	Cranfield & Marston Moretaine	AGREE	
13	Jcn Wingfield St, St Marys Close, Tebworth, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9QF 01525783935	2	Chalgrave	Heath & Reach	OBJECT	
14	PCO Wingfield Road, Tebworth, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9QQ 01582873938	0	Chalgrave	Heath & Reach	AGREE	

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15	Cross Roads, Stockbridge Road, Clifton, Shefford, SG17 5HA 01462811103	0	Clifton	Arlesey	AGREE	
16	Junction with Orchard Way, High Street, Cranfield, Bedford, MK43 0BT 01234750201	10	Cranfield	Cranfield & Marston Moretaine	OBJECT	Cranfield Parish Council Committee 02.11.16 It is important that a public payphone facility is retained on the High Street, Cranfield because of its location and the amount of through traffic using High Street and with an increasing population a facility should be retained.
17	PCO Bourne End Cranfield, Bedford, MK43 0AS 01234750648	0	Cranfield	Cranfield & Marston Moretaine	AGREE	Cranfield Parish Council Committee meeting 02.11.16 - Agree
18	Bedford Rd Bliss Avenue, Cranfield, Bedford, MK43 0EY 01234750711	0	Cranfield	Cranfield & Marston Moretaine	AGREE	Cranfield Parish Council Committee meeting 02.11.16 - Agree

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19	PCO Chiltern Road, Dunstable, LU6 1HP 01582662155	0	Dunstable	Dunstable Central / Dunstable Icknield / Dunstable Manshead / Dunstable Northfields / Dunstable Watling	AGREE	
20	Appleby Gardens, Langdale Road, Dunstable, LU6 3BT 01582663171	0	Dunstable	Dunstable Central / Dunstable Icknield / Dunstable Manshead / Dunstable Northfields / Dunstable Watling	AGREE	
21	P O Forecourt, Luton Road, Dunstable, LU5 4JW 01582663491	184	Dunstable	Dunstable Central / Dunstable Icknield / Dunstable Manshead / Dunstable Northfields / Dunstable Watling	OBJECT	
22	PCO Coombe Drive, Dunstable, LU62AE 01582663495	4	Dunstable	Dunstable Central / Dunstable Icknield / Dunstable Manshead / Dunstable Northfields / Dunstable Watling	OBJECT	
23	O/S Maidenblower Lodge, Chalk Hill, Dunstable, LU6 1RR 01582665079	1	Dunstable	Dunstable Central / Dunstable Icknield / Dunstable Manshead / Dunstable Northfields / Dunstable Watling	OBJECT	

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24	Jcn High Street Knights Close, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, LU6 2DS 01525220220	0	Eaton Bray	Eaton Bray	AGREE	
25	Near High Street, Wallace Drive, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, LU6 2DF 01525220224	5	Eaton Bray	Eaton Bray	OBJECT	
26	PCO Higher Rads End, Eversholt, Milton Keynes, MK17 9ED 01525280334	0	Eversholt	Aspley & Woburn	AGREE	
27	PCO Tyrells End, Eversholt, Milton Keynes, MK17 9DS 01525280411	0	Eversholt	Aspley & Woburn	AGREE	
28	Jcn High Street, School Lane, Greenfield, Bedford, MK45 5DE 01525712131	0	Flitton & Greenfield	Westoning, Flitton & Greenfield	AGREE	

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29	Jcn Dunstable Road Hornes End Road, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1JJ 01525713747	0	Flitwick	Flitwick	AGREE	
30	East End, Station Road, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1JR 01525713852	0	Flitwick	Flitwick	AGREE	
31	PCO Hinksley Road Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1ES 01525 714074	14	Flitwick	Flitwick	OBJECT	<p>The Town Council considered this proposal and Members requested that two telephone boxes be retained in Flitwick at the Russell Centre, Coniston Road and at Hinksley Road.</p> <p>The reason for doing this is to ensure that a resident who does not have a mobile phone would still be able to make an emergency call as other options available to the public eg Tesco Store, public house are not open 24 hours.</p> <p>Members also requested that BT advertise any actions they are to take widely within the community so that residents</p>

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32	PCO The Russell Centre, Coniston Road, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1QY 01525715200	13	Flitwick	Flitwick	OBJECT	<p>The Town Council considered this proposal and Members requested that two telephone boxes be retained in Flitwick at the Russell Centre, Coniston Road and at Hinksley Road.</p> <p>The reason for doing this is to ensure that a resident who does not have a mobile phone would still be able to make an emergency call as other options available to the public eg Tesco Store, public house are not open 24 hours. Members also requested that BT advertise any actions they are to take widely within the community so that residents are aware of the withdrawal of this facility</p>
33	PCO High Street, Gravenhurst, Bedford, MK45 4HY	2	Gravenhurst	Silsoe & Shillington	OBJECT	

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34	Outside shops, Lincoln Way, Harlington, Dunstable, LU5 6NA 01525872018	1	Harlington	Toddington	AGREE	Harlington Parish Council are happy for the payphone to be removed.
35	O/S Red Lion, Haynes Turning, Haynes, Bedford, MK45 3PX 01234381211	0	Haynes	Houghton Conquest & Haynes	AGREE	
36	O/S Exchange Haynes Turning, Haynes, Bedford, MK45 3PX 01234381230	0	Haynes	Houghton Conquest & Haynes	AGREE	
37	PCO Birds Hill, Heath & Reach, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0AD 01525237211	0	Heath & Reach	Heath & Reach	OBJECT	Object I would like to lodge my objection to the removal of the telephone box and the pay-phone from Birds Hill in Heath and Reach as detailed below:

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						<p>Heath and Reach suffers from very poor, if not no, cellular telephone reception from any of the providers. The public telephone on Birds Hill is the only easily available telephone in the case of an emergency, for instance, in the case of a house fire. Most homes now have cordless telephones, which are rendered inoperable when power is lost.</p> <p>Most times that I need to use my mobile 'phone, I have to go to a high point to find an acceptable signal. Even then it takes quite a time for the 'phone to connect to that signal.</p> <p>Please consider the above points and put the case to BT to retain the public telephone on Bird Hill in Heath and Reach.</p> <p>Object On behalf of Heath and Reach Parish Council I have</p>

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						been asked to object to the removal of this telephone kiosk on the grounds that is the only one in the village and provides a facility in an area which has inconsistent mobile phone coverage.
38	PCO New Town, Henlow, SG16 6AJ 01462811174	3	Henlow	Arlesey	OBJECT	
39	Adj Police Station, Watling Street, Hockliffe, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9NB 01525210261	12	Hockliffe	Heath & Reach	OBJECT	
40	Opp Victoria Drive, High Street, Houghton Conquest, Bedford, MK45 3LF 01234740352	0	Houghton Conquest	Houghton Conquest & Haynes	AGREE	
41	JCN Tithe Farm Rd, Leaf Road, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5JG 01582863011	0	Houghton Regis	Houghton Hall / Tithe Farm / Parkside	AGREE	

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42	JCN Windsor Drive, Lowry Drive, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5SJ 01582865310	23	Houghton Regis	Houghton Hall / Tithe Farm / Parkside	OBJECT	
43	O/S Shops, Hillborough Crescent, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5NS 01582866311	579	Houghton Regis	Houghton Hall / Tithe Farm / Parkside	OBJECT	
44	Opp No2 Neptune Square, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5RS 01582866611	620	Houghton Regis	Houghton Hall / Tithe Farm / Parkside	OBJECT	
45	Salford Village PCP Wavendon Road, Salford, Milton Keynes, MK17 8AZ 01908582362	0	Hulcote & Salford	Cranfield & Marston Moretaine	AGREE	

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46	Jcn Turnpike Road Horsepool Lane, Husborne Crawley, Bedford, MK43 0XD 01525280212	1	Husborne Crawley	Aspley & Woburn	OBJECT	
47	Jcn School Lane Crow Lane, Husborne Crawley, Bedford, MK43 0XA 01525280511	0	Husborne Crawley	Aspley & Woburn	AGREE	
48	Junction Station Road Prospect Road, Langford, Biggleswade, SG18 9NY 01462700230	1	Langford	Stofold & Langford	OBJECT	
49	PCO East Road, Langford, Biggleswade, SG18 9QF 01462700255	0	Langford	Stofold & Langford	AGREE	

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50	JCN Station Road Cambridge Road, Langford, Biggleswade, SG18 9PL 01462700289	1	Langford	Stofold & Langford	OBJECT	
51	O/S Church, Milebush, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2UB 01525210045	0	Leighton Linlade	Leighton Buzzard North / Leighton Buzzard South / Linslade	AGREE	
52	Aries Court, Appenine Way, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3XW 01525372521	10	Leighton Linlade	Leighton Buzzard North / Leighton Buzzard South / Linslade	OBJECT	
53	Jcn Churchill Road Clarence Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3EJ 01525372599	9	Leighton Linlade	Leighton Buzzard North / Leighton Buzzard South / Linslade	OBJECT	

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54	Nr Soulbury Road, Bideford Green, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2TH 01525372890	1	Leighton Linlade	Leighton Buzzard North / Leighton Buzzard South / Linlade	OBJECT	
55	Jcn Himley Green Bunkers Lane, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2NQ 01525373199	11	Leighton Linlade	Leighton Buzzard North / Leighton Buzzard South / Linlade	OBJECT	
56	Jcn Hockliffe Road Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3PD 01525373699	2	Leighton Linlade	Leighton Buzzard North / Leighton Buzzard South / Linlade	OBJECT	
57	PCO Grovebury Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4TU 01525851129	0	Leighton Linlade	Leighton Buzzard North / Leighton Buzzard South / Linlade	AGREE	
58	Brickworks, Marston Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford, MK43 0PP	0	Marston Moretaine	Cranfield & Marston Moretaine	OBJECT	Marston Moreteyne Parish Council objects to the removal of this payphone

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	01525404065					
59	PCO Campton Road, Meppershall, Shefford, SG17 5PB 01462811190	4	Meppershall	Shefford	OBJECT	
60	PCO Hitchin Road, Upper Caldecote, Biggleswade, SG18 9BT 01767312282	2	Northill	Northill	AGREE	Northill Parish Council has no objections to this payphone being removed.
61	O/S Exchange PCO Sand Lane, Northill Biggleswade, SG18 9AD 01767627211	0	Northill	Northill	AGREE	Northill Parish Council has no objections to this payphone being removed.
62	PCO King Street, Potton, Sandy, SG19 2QT 01767260771	0	Potton	Potton	AGREE	

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63	PCO Church Road, Pulloxhill, Bedford, MK45 5HD 01525714095	139	Pulloxhill	Westoning, Flitton & Greenfield	OBJECT	Pulloxhill Parish Council objects to the removal of the payphone on Church Road, Pulloxhill. The information provided shows that the payphone is well used and therefore it should remain. It is an amenity in the village and to remove it will remove that amenity. Should anything happen in the recreation ground on Orchard Road, or on Rushymeade, and the person has no mobile phone this is the only public phone in the area to use for an emergency.
64	O/S Ate High Street, Eversholt Road, Ridgmont, Bedford, MK43 0TT 01525280260	2	Ridgmont	Cranfield & Marston Moretaine	OBJECT	
65	Jcn Church Path, London Road, Sandy, SG19 1EX 01767680611	11	Sandy	Sandy	OBJECT	

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66	O/S Village Hall, High Road, Shillington, Hitchin, SG5 3LL 01462711201	0	Shillington	Silsoe & Shillington	OBJECT	Shillington Parish Council objects because of poor mobile phone coverage, which if the phone kiosks were removed, could prevent visitors to the village from using a telephone in an emergency and also residents who have issues with their landlines.
67	PCO Shillington Road, Pirton, Hitchin, SG5 3QJ 01582881313	2	Shillington	Silsoe & Shillington	-	This phone box is in Hertfordshire and is therefore no longer included in this consultation.
68	O/S Village Hall, Ridgmont Road, Steppingley, Bedford, MK45 5AR 01525712415	2	Steppingley	Flitwick	AGREE	Steppingley Parish Council agreed unanimously to support the removal.
69	PCO The Avenue, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4LY 01462730256	0	Stotfold	Stotfold & Langford	AGREE	

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70	Jcn Kingsway Trinity Road, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4EG 01462730361	0	Stotfold	Stotfold & Langford	AGREE	
71	Nr Rec Ground, Hitchin Road, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4HP 01462730375	0	Stotfold	Stotfold & Langford	AGREE	
72	Village Hall, Common Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2NQ 01582872181	7	Studham	Caddington	OBJECT	
73	Sub PO Harlington Road, Sundon, Luton, LU3 3PE 01525872251	0	Sundon	Toddington	AGREE	
74	Jcn Manor Road, Church Road, Sundon, Luton, LU3 3PB 01525872611	0	Sundon	Toddington	AGREE	

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75	Sutton Cross Roads, Biggleswade Road, Sutton, Sandy, SG19 2LZ 01767260250	0	Sutton	Potton	AGREE	Sutton Parish Council has no objections to the removal of the two pay phones included for Sutton.
76	Outside Sub PO, PCO Sutton, Sandy, SG19 2NA 01767260511	0	Sutton	Potton	AGREE	Sutton Parish Council has no objections to the removal of the two pay phones included for Sutton.
77	PCO Lancotbury Close, Totternhoe, Dunstable, LU6 1RQ 01582662115	1	Totternhoe	Eaton Bray	OBJECT	
78	Layby A5120 Flitwick Road, Westoning, Bedford, MK45 5AA 01525713454	0	Westoning	Westoning, Flitton & Greenfield	AGREE	
79	Near No. 6 Bunyan Road, Westoning, Bedford, MK45 5LG 01525714529	8	Westoning	Westoning, Flitton & Greenfield	OBJECT	

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80	PCO Cockayne Hatley, Sandy, SG19 2EA 01767631248	0	Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley	Potton	AGREE	
81	O/S Exchange, Potton Road, Wrestlingworth, Sandy, SG19 2EY 01767631275	1	Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley	Potton	OBJECT	