

Report to King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee

5 January 2017

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 BT is currently consulting with the Borough Council, through the Local Planning Authority, for the proposed removal of 97 telephone boxes across the Borough. These have been deemed to be no longer required, and where there is no longer deemed to be a 'social need' for them. Within the parished areas the Parish Councils have been consulted as to whether they wish the phone boxes to remain or if they agree to their removal. There is also an adopt a kiosk scheme where local communities can adopt a phone box for £1. The adoptions are mainly undertaken by interested Parish Councils
- 1.2 The consultation is a formal process, and the Planning Committee (in January) will recommend whether or not to agree or object to the proposed removals. The views of the Parish Councils will be reported to Planning Committee, and it is considered that KLACC also needs to consider whether to agree to the proposed removals, or to object.
- 1.3 Attached to this brief report is a leaflet prepared by BT which provides some background information to the proposed removals, and also explains how BT determines if there is a 'social need' for a payphone.

2.0 BT phone boxes proposed to be removed in King's Lynn & West Lynn

Address of phone box	Number of calls in last 12 months
Calamint Road/Aconite Road, Spring Sedge, PE30 3PP	11
Suffield Way, King's Lynn PE30 3DE	0
Tennyson Avenue, King's Lynn PE30 2QG	43
Loke Road, King's Lynn PE30 2BG	53
Newlands Avenue, King's Lynn PE30 2NJ	334
Ferry Square, West Lynn	11
Gayton Road, King's Lynn	31
Bergen Way, King's Lynn PE30 2JJ	0
Thurlin Road, Gaywood PE30 4PG	8
Hansa Road, King's Lynn PE30 4HX	101

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That KLACC determines whether to agree to the proposed removal of all or some of the phone boxes within King's Lynn & West Lynn.