

BT consultation on removal of public payphone outside Boyds Garage, Bann Road, Bendooragh, Ballymoney	25 April 2018
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	Development Management and Enforcement Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

For Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 BT Payphones consulted the Council on 09 April 2018 on the removal of a public payphone outside Boyds Garage, Bann Road, Bendooragh, Ballymoney.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1 BT advise that the phone box has been damaged beyond economical repair. BT further advise that the phone box has received very little use during the past twelve months and are therefore proposing to permanently remove the service at this location. The telephone box is of the traditional design painted red.
- 2.2 BT has advised that they are meeting their obligation to provide a Universal Service as there are other kiosks in the vicinity. The nearest phone box is located at Culcrow Park, Aghadowey.
- 2.3 BT have an obligation to consult with the relevant public bodies on the proposed removal. They require the Council to respond within 42 days and within 90 days giving their comments or any objections received from the local community.

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.

