



Title of Report:	BT consultation to remove the public telephone service at Bann Road, Bendooragh BT53 7JA (02827663134) to allow adoption of the red telephone kiosk, to install a community defibrillator.
Committee Report Submitted To:	PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	27th October 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Our elected members work collaboratively and make decisions on an evidence led basis and in line with its policies.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer

Budgetary Considerations: Not applicable in this case	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. Not applicable in this case.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present a BT consultation to remove the public telephone service at Bann Road, Bendooragh BT53 7JA (02827663134) to allow adoption of the red phone kiosk to house a community defibrillator.

2.0 Background

2.1 BT wrote to the Council on 2nd August 2021 to advise of their proposal to remove the public telephone service at Bann Road, Bendooragh (see Images 1 & 2 below) and to allow Bendooragh & District Community Association to adopt the red telephone kiosk to install a community defibrillator.

Image 1



Image 2



2.2 BT have advised that they are meeting their obligation to provide a Universal Service as there are other kiosks remaining in the vicinity. The nearest alternative kiosk is at Culcrow Park, Coleraine. There is also full mobile network coverage.

2.3 BT affixed a 42-day public notice on the subject kiosk, which expired on 13th September 2021. The Planning department received no comments in response to this.

2.4 BT have an obligation to consult with the Council on the proposed removal and require a response within 90 days.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Planning Committee agree to one of the following options:

- **Option 1:** Agree to support the removal of the existing service to allow adoption to install a community defibrillator: or
- **Option 2:** Agree to oppose the removal of the existing service; and

to the Head of Planning responding to BT on behalf of the Council.

Appendix 1: BT correspondence.



Planning
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
Civic Headquarters
Cloonavin
66 Portstewart Road
Coleraine
BT52 1EY

2nd August 2021

TIME SENSITIVE DOCUMENT – REPLY REQUIRED

Our reference: - JB-02827663134

Dear Sir or Madam

REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAYPHONE SERVICE:

I am writing to advise you that BT has received a request from Gary Blair of the Bendooragh & District Community Association (Registered Charity) to adopt the telephone kiosk in their village, 02827663134 Bann Road near Bus Shelter and Cabra Court, Bendooragh BT53 7JA to install a defibrillator.

Our obligation to provide a Universal Service will be maintained, as there are other kiosks within the vicinity. The nearest alternative kiosk is at Culcrow Park, Coleraine. BT541 4BZ. There is also full mobile network coverage.

Before we can have a kiosk adopted we have an obligation to consult with relevant public bodies on the proposed removal of telephony service. As part of the consultation process it is a requirement that the Council reply in writing to BT within 90-days giving their comments or any objections received from the local community. Further information on the consultation process can be found at:

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

I am writing on behalf of Gary Blair of the Bendooragh District Community Association (Registered Charity) to ask that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council do not raise any objection to cease of service so the Community Association can adopt the telephone box, which is their desire.

If you do not reply, it will be taken that the council and interested parties have no objection to the permanent removal of the telephony service.

A notice of our proposal is being displayed in the kiosk and a copy is enclosed with this letter for your information.

If you require any further information or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email at btpcf@bt.com

Yours faithfully
Jim Blanch
BT Payphones - Regional Field Officer

Date of this notice



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Public Telephone Kiosk 02827663134

**Bendooragh & District Community Association
has requested to adopt this telephone box to
install a defibrillator. We are therefore
proposing to remove Payphone
service at this location.**

The nearest alternative payphone can be found at:
**Culcrow Park
Coleraine
BT51 4BZ**

If you have any comments about this, please contact
the planning department at
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
within 42 days from
the date of this notice, quoting the
telephone number of this payphone

BT Payphones
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