

BT consultation on removal of public payphone at Grey Gables, Legavallon Road, Dungiven	23rd August 2017
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	Principal Planning Officer/Development Management Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

1.0 Background

- 1.1 BT Payphones consulted the Council on 21st July 2017 on the removal of a public payphone at Grey Gables, Legavallon Road, Dungiven.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1 BT have advised that the phone box has received very low or no use during the past twelve months and are therefore proposing to permanently cease service at this site.
- 2.2 BT have advised that they are meeting their obligation to provide a Universal Service as there are other kiosks in the area. The nearest being outside Bovera Post Office, Drumrane Road, Dungiven, which is 3.6 miles away.
- 2.3 BT have an obligation to consult with the relevant public bodies on the proposed removal and require a response within 90 days.

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.