

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/17/01005

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/17/01005

Address: Land adj to Emsworth Methodist Church, High Street, Emsworth PO10 7AQ

Proposal: Replacement and upgrade of existing public telephone kiosk with kiosk combining public telephone service and ATM service

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Comments

Principal Conservation Officer Objection

The proposal relates to the replacement of a former modern standard metal/glass telephone kiosk by a combined payphone and ATM. The new kiosk has an ATM on one side and a payphone on the other. Its remaining sides are of galvanised steel with the word free and cash zone displayed vertically in bold white letters with a black background.

The kiosk is located on the pavement on the western side of St Peters Square and adjacent to the Emsworth Methodist Church. There is a collection of street furniture in the vicinity of the application site in the form of bollards, benches, notice boards, street lights, bus shelter and post boxes.

The application site is within the designated Conservation Area.

Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 states that, with respect to any buildings or land within a conservation area, special attention shall be paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of that area.

It is acknowledged that the size and location of the kiosk are the similar to the existing box. However, its appearance is significantly different by reason of its solid form, bland design and use of reflective material and lettering which make it a more conspicuous and incongruous feature in the street scene than the original, largely glazed, structure.

Whilst there is already a collection of street furniture in the close vicinity of the site, this kiosk would be particularly conspicuous for the reasons given above. There have been significant and

fairly recent improvements to the street furniture in the village centre all of which is traditional in its design. This kiosk, which is a significant piece of street furniture, does not have the traditional character of other street furniture in the village centre.

Taking account of the above, it is considered that the proposal is not in keeping with its surroundings, does not preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area and is, therefore, contrary to both national and local plan policies and statutory requirements.