

Heritage Team Response

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APP/22/00660 – BT Telephone Box adjacent Emsworth Methodist Church, High Street, Emsworth, PO10 7AQ

Background

The application site relates to a modern style telephone box located in the High Street / St Peter's Square in Emsworth Town Centre. It is located within the Emsworth Conservation Area. The telephone box is currently used as a library for the local community.

Proposal

Replacement of existing telephone box with refurbished original red one for continuing use as a community box shop.

Legislative and Policy Context

When assessing the proposal, the following legislation and policy context is taken in consideration.

Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires planning authorities, when considering whether to grant planning permission for development which affects a Conservation Area, to have special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of that area.

Local Planning Policies

Policy CS11 (Protecting and Enhancing the Special Environment and Heritage of Havant Borough) states that planning permission will be granted for development that:

“Protects and where appropriate enhances the borough's statutory and non-statutory heritage designations by appropriately managing development in or adjacent to conservation areas, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, historic parks and gardens, archaeological sites, buildings of local historic or architectural interest”.

Policy CP16 (High Quality Design) (1a) of the Core Strategy states that “Planning permission will be granted for development that is designed to a high standard, which helps to create places where people want to live, work and relax. All development should demonstrate that its design:

Identifies and responds positively to existing features of natural, historic or local character within or close to the proposed development site”.

Policy DM20 of the Allocations Plan states that planning permission will be granted for development proposals that conserves and enhances the historic assets of Havant.

Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan

The Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan has now been adopted and has relevant policies which are applicable to this application:

Policy H1 – Design and Heritage

Policy H2 – Heritage Appraisals

Assessment

The proposal is to replace modern phone box with a traditional K6 red metal box for the same use. This style of phone box is far more traditional in its appearance and will complement the character of the conservation area, particularly in this location.

Conclusion

NO OBJECTION

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