

## **Notification under section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003**

Decision by Sheffield City Council in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Schedule to a Direction published by Ofcom on 21 May 2019 ('the Direction').

1. On 5 July 2019, Sheffield City Council, in accordance with section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Act'), issued a notification setting out its draft decision in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Direction ('the First Notification')
2. A copy of the First Notification was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 50(1)(b) of the Act.
3. In the First Notification, Sheffield City Council invited representations about the draft decision by midnight on 7 August 2019.
4. Sheffield City Council has considered every representation about the draft decision duly made to it and Ofcom has not notified Sheffield City Council of any international obligation of the United Kingdom for this purpose.
5. The decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
6. The effect of, and Sheffield City Council reasons for making, the decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
7. Sheffield City Council consider that the decision complies with the requirements of sections 45 to 50 of the Act, as appropriate and relevant to the proposal.
8. In making the decision, Sheffield City Council has considered and acted in accordance with the six community requirements in section 4 of the Act.
9. A copy of this Notification has been sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 50(1)(b) of the Act.
10. The Schedule to this Notification shall form part of this Notification.

*E. Mignall*

A person authorised by Sheffield City Council to sign this Notification

9 August 2019

## Schedule

Draft decision by Sheffield City Council in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications plc] for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Schedule to a Direction published by Ofcom on 21 May 2019 (“the Direction”)

### Additional Notes to Schedule:

In addition to the site notice on the payphone box posted by British Telecommunications plc, Sheffield City Council informed local community groups, individuals, ward councillors and parish councils via the social media of the Local Area Partnership and the consultation was also advertised on the Council’s Consultation Hub.

	Telephone number	Location	Number of calls in last 12 months	Decision (Object/Consent)	Reason(s)
1	0114 2302399	TOM LANE/FULWOOD RD SHEFFIELD S10 3GH	16	Do not object	This consultation was solely as a result of Antkids charity’s interest in adopting the kiosk (which would require the removal of the payphone service to be pursued) Consent is due to the low usage of the payphone over the past year (only 16 calls and no emergency calls), the location of the payphone near to a local shopping centre, primary school and housing (which is largely owner occupied and therefore it is expected occupants would have a home phone and/or mobile). There is an alternative payphone within 800m. No consultation comments were received as part of the initial BT consultation or on the Council’s consultation on the First Notification. No reason to object.