

Notification under section 49 of the Communications Act 2003

Decision by Rother District 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 14 March 2006 ('the Direction').

1. On the 5th October 2021, Rother District 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, Rother District Council invited representations about the draft decision by 23:59 on the 6th November 2021.
4. Rother District Council received one representation about the draft decision stating the following (summarised): the Council's draft decision did not refer to the Ofcom rule which safeguards payphones within a given distance of public water; objections were received about the removal of The Strand payphone; only one payphone would remain in Rye to assist with water safety; and queried whether officers consulted with elected members. Ofcom has not notified Rother District 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 Rother District Council's reasons for making the decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
7. Rother District Council consider that the decision complies with the requirements of sections 45 to 50 of the Act, as appropriate and relevant to the proposals.
8. In making the decision, Rother District 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.



Clare Gibbons
For Director of Place and Climate Change

A person authorised by Rother District Council to sign this Notification
9th November 2021

Schedule

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	Telephone Number	Address	Postcode	Average calls per month	Posting Completed Date	Agree Adopt Object	Comment/Reasons
1	01797 222090	The Strand, Rye	TN31 7DB	3	06/08/2021	Adopt	There is no overriding or reasonable need for the retention of a working telephone in this location.
2	01797 222387	Cinque Ports Street, Rye	TN31 7AN	0	06/08/2021	Adopt	There is no overriding or reasonable need for the retention of a working telephone in this location.