

Highway Response

Ref: 25/0414

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PROPOSAL: **INSTALLATION OF NEW DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS KIOSK WITH INTEGRATED DEFIBRILLATOR AND ADVERTISING DISPLAY**

SITE: **Station Buildings Queensway Newport South Wales**

Case Officer: Emma Brinkworth

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Highway recommendation:

Objection on grounds of national technical guidance relating to place and decluttering. Furthermore, the advert is located adjacent to safety critical signage and orientated to maximise obstruction of the footway.

Highway Comments:

The proposal does not replace an existing phone and is not needed to maintain any telecoms services. It does not establish any need for the various features to be placed on highway in this location and does not provide any benefit that outweighs the consideration of pedestrians.

The advert is proposed to be orientated near the front of the footway, and orientated perpendicular to the flow of traffic (pedestrian and vehicular) maximising its potential to obstruct movement. It is adjacent to a sign that relates to the stopping and waiting restrictions, potentially obscuring it.

It is important to realise that all street furniture presents a hazard to certain disability groups. National policy is to declutter the highways and remove all furniture that is not needed, for safety and to create a sense of place.

Should the Planning Officer consider that the equipment is needed, it should be located at the back of footway and orientated to minimise obstruction. Any lighting should comply with current lighting guidance and be dimmed at times of poor ambient lighting conditions.