



## PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

<b>Application No</b>	2026/0310
<b>Proposal</b>	Installation of a multifunctional communication Hub including defibrillator and advertisement display. (Planning Consent)
<b>Address</b>	Pavement outside 50 Cheapside, Barnsley
<b>Date of Consultation Reply</b>	18/05/26
<b>Consultee</b>	Highways DC

### Consultation Assessment and Justification

The proposal would see the installation of a communication hub within the pedestrianised area of Cheapside in Barnsley town centre.

There have been multiple applications previously made by BT to replace existing telephone boxes with communications hubs, and the view has been taken that each of these was a less onerous obstruction than the existing telephone box given the dimensions of each. This proposal is for a brand-new facility in the busy town centre, and HDC officers would not wish to see a proliferation of these hubs throughout the town and beyond, adding to street clutter and causing obstruction on busy pedestrian routes. It should also be noted that there has already been an application for a similar resource within a few metres of this site.

In this instance, the hub is set on what remains live carriageway and may therefore cause an obstruction to delivery vehicles during periods where loading and unloading is allowed.

As such, HDC would raise objection to the scheme on the grounds that the proposal increases unnecessary street clutter and would cause an obstruction on the public carriageway.

The council's Highway Network Co-ordination team would require a streetworks permit for the installation of the hub and are likely to raise their own concerns regarding the application at this time. Planning approval would not overcome the need for a section 50 licence if the applicant does not have statutory undertaker status.

	OBJECT
<b><u>Consultation Suggested Conditions:</u></b>	
N/A	
<b><u>Consultation Informative(s):</u></b>	
N/A	
<b><u>Planning Obligations required:</u></b>	
N/A	