

## Appendix F – Consultation on Removal of Payphones Updated Information

Since the papers were despatched, a number of additional comments have been received which are attached: -

- Annexe 6A – Revised Summary Table – setting out Payphones where respondents and WBC believe an objection should be made (List A) and where respondents do not feel WBC should make an objection (List B)
- Annexe 4A – Public Comments – received since agenda despatch
- Annexe 5A – Town and Parish Comments – received since agenda despatch
- Letter from Ofcom

Members will also be interested to know that Jeremy Hunt MP launched a campaign to save local payphones last week, with a petition on his website. He is meeting BT on 18<sup>th</sup> June to highlight local concerns. Officers have sent his office Waverley's Executive papers and responses received to date for information.

### **Recommendation**

On the basis of the comments received from Town and Parish Councils and individuals, Waverley BC believes that BT could not fulfil its Universal Service Obligation with the number of payphones removals proposed, partly because of the rural nature of the Borough and the quality of mobile phone reception and partly for other reasons. Therefore, in addition to the recommendation in the agenda papers, a further recommendation is proposed:

- Waverley BC objects to the removal of the 31 payphones designated at Annexe 6 (**List A**). It has no objection based on comments received to the removal of the 13 payphones at Annexe 6 (**List B**). No response has yet been received to those 4 payphones marked TBC. If further comments are received before the Waverley response is submitted, the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder will determine whether or not an objection should be made.