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1. The future of the phone box is a perennial problem.

My view has always been that we need to keep it.

This hasn’t changed.

As pointed out by the author, they are an iconic piece of the British landscape. You will find external ‘public’ telephones around the globe but nowhere do they hold the same kudos as here in the U.K. (except perhaps for those in Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands)

So, I’m clearly shouting up that we should keep it.

Should we stump up an entire £1.00 to become proud owners of our own piece of history there appear to be an awful lot of ‘quid pro quo’ being imposed on us by the previous owners who apparently don’t want them…

Surely once they sell they relinquish all control on its use or maintenance and we can paint it with whatever paint we choose - lead based or otherwise.

I note use of the word ‘allegedly’ when referring to BT’s policy to the future upkeep of the boxes.

I’m afraid I’m reading between the lines that the author isn’t in favour of retaining the box and we’re being backed into a corner to make a decision we may not have otherwise made.

Personally, if BT are proposing a declining maintenance schedule then we ‘call their bluff’ tough it out and tell them to keep their phone box and leave it exactly where it is.

In relation to the proposed new mobile phone mast, use of the phrase ‘should improve’ cuts no ice with me..

This further reinforces why we need to retain the telephone box as a fully functioning BT landline - (who know, it may be needed by someone when they have an accident at the crossroads of the proposed Sydenhams development goes ahead..)

I’m sure one day BT will be allowed (by law) to remove the telephone box. That is the day we negotiate to take the box off their hands. Until then…

1. Good home for an AED maybe
2. Until we get a greatly improved mobile phone signal covering more than one mobile phone provider it needs to stay a phone box in my opinion .
3. I’d hate to see it go. Call me old fashioned but I’d like to see it with a functioning phone in it, but whatever it becomes, I’d be happy to be on the upkeep team
4. I saw a defibrillator in one in Dorset over the weekend, thought what a great idea