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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 FULL

Reference: H16-1013-25 **Date of Decision:** 15th December 2025
Applicant: BT Telecommunications PLC
Bt - One Braham
1 Braham Street
Simonsway
London
E1 8EE
Location: Pavement Outside Of Boots 12-14 Hall Place Spalding Lincolnshire
Description: Installation of 1 BT Street Hub

South Holland District Council, in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), hereby give notice that permission has been REFUSED (or equivalent) for the development referred to above, for the following reason(s):

- 1 The proposal, by virtue of its siting, scale, brightness and overall appearance, would be incongruous within the setting of the Spalding Conservation Area and the nearby listed buildings. The significant width and height of the proposal, within an area of minimal street furniture, would result in visual intrusion into the openness of the area. The brightness of the LED screens would exacerbate this impact, by drawing attention to the proposed feature. The use of non-vernacular materials and features would also conflict with Policy 29 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, in this regard.

On this basis, less than substantial harm has been identified, in line with Paragraphs 212, 215 and 220 of the National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024. It is considered that the public benefits arising from this development do not outweigh the identified harm.

Moreover, Policy 29 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, is explicit that which impact upon the setting of listed buildings or the Conservation Area should conserve or

enhance the historic environment. It is not considered that the proposal achieves these objectives, and would therefore be contrary to Policy 29.

Therefore, the proposal is considered to be contrary to the Policies 2, 3 and 29 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, Sections 12 and 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024.

Notes:

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing it against all material considerations, including national guidance, planning policies and representations that have been received during the public consultation exercise. However, the issues are so fundamental to the proposal, due to the harm which has been clearly identified within the reason(s) for the refusal, that approval has not been possible.

This decision notice, the relevant accompanying report and the determined plans can be viewed online at <http://planning.sholland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

The determined plans are:

- Site Location Maps - 001 Rev A
- Proposed Site Plan - 002 Rev A
- Existing and Proposed Elevations - 003 Rev A
- Image of Proposed BT Street Hub
- Planning Statement incorporating Heritage Impact Statement, prepared by Mitie Telecoms, dated 11th September 2025
- ICNIRP Conformity Certificate, dated 11th September 2025
- Street Hubs Beyond Connection - Supporting Local Councils with Digital Street Communication, produced by British Telecoms, dated February 2025
- Street Hub Anti-Social Behaviour Management Plan - Version 3, produced by British Telecoms



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RIGHTS OF APPEAL

Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or grant consent subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 20 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Timescales for appealing

The deadlines for appeals are calculated from the **date of decision** and are as follows for the types of applications below:

12 Weeks	6 Months	8 Weeks
Householder Applications	Planning Permission	Consent to Display Adverts
Minor Commercial Development	Listed Building Consent	
Agricultural Determinations	Other Prior Approval Applications	
Householder Prior Approval Applications		

<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-householder-planning-decision>

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If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planning-inspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.UK.

Enforcement Notices

If an enforcement notice was served prior to the planning application being determined then the deadline for appealing is 28 days from the date of the **planning refusal**.

If an enforcement notice is served after the planning application is determined then the deadline for appealing is 28 days from the date of the **enforcement notice** OR **the timescales stated above for each application type** from the date of the planning refusal - whichever is sooner.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in

giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under the order.

Purchase Notices

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grant it subject to conditions the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of the Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 32 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Compensation

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him.

These circumstances are set out in Section 114 and related provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 27 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.