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Dear Sir or Madam

Universal Service Obligation Consultation

This Parish Council is concerned to learn from our MP that BT are seeking a relaxation of the veto whereby local councils can object/overrule the closure of the last/only local call box in a location such as our village.

We have only ever had one call box in Plumstead and although it is accepted that it does not get used as much as in the past, nevertheless it provides an essential local facility in an otherwise fairly isolated community. We are some 5 miles from the nearest town and 2 miles from the neighbouring village with a post office. The area also has a high percentage of holiday accommodation and many walkers ramble the footpaths. Consequently the box does get both casual and seasonal use. It also provides a ready means to contact the emergency services and report faults should this be necessary.

Council feels strongly that such a traditional and valuable amenity should be retained.

Yours faithfully

K J Fell
Clerk to the Council