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Dear Mr Pridmore

Review of the Universal Service Obligations

In response to the above consultation Braintree District Council does not support the removal of the “local veto” from Parish/Town Councils to County Level. Local knowledge of Public call boxes is essential. Parish Councils are often better placed than County District, Borough or Unitary Councils to comment on the patronage of such phones, and can bring local knowledge such as who the phone is used by and why

This proposal appears to be against the principles espoused by the Government in its discussion paper “Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighborhoods Matter”

Yours sincerely

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