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## **DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY FINAL RESPONSE TO BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL TO REMOVE TELEPHONE CALL BOXES.**

### **Notification under section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003**

**Decision by Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA)** in response to a proposal by **British Telecommunications plc** for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Schedule to a Direction published by Ofcom on 14 March 2006 ("the Direction").

1. On 28 November 2016, the DNPA, in accordance with section 49(4) of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Act'), issued a notification setting out its draft decision in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Direction ('the First Notification').
2. A copy of the First Notification was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 50(1)(b) of the Act.
3. In the First Notification, the DNPA invited representations about the draft decision by Midnight on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
4. The DNPA has considered every representation about the draft decision duly made to it and Ofcom has not notified Dartmoor National Park Authority of any international obligation of the United Kingdom for this purpose.
5. The decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
6. The effect of, and the DNPA's reason for making, the decision is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
7. The DNPA considers that the decision complies with the requirements of sections 45 to 50 of the Act, as appropriate and relevant to the proposals.
8. In making the decision, the DNPA has considered and acted in accordance with the six community requirements in section 4 of the Act.
9. A copy of this Notification has been sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 50(1)(b) of the Act.
10. The Schedule to this Notification shall form part of this Notification.

A person authorised by DNPA to sign this Notification

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Date: 3 January 2017

**Bill Hitchins** Chairman **Kevin Bishop PhD** Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

The purposes of the Dartmoor National Park Authority are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park; and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities.

In pursuing these purposes the Authority has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the local community.

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