Phone boxes to be closed in South Lakeland  (list below)
(please see note at the end for other districts).

If a box is to be closed it should have a notice in it. Not all do. Ignore the deadline given on the notice - it’s probably wrong - but get your objection in quickly anyway, as the council is dealing with very tight deadlines.

Objections must be about individual phone box(es), so state where they are. You also need to give valid reasons. Ofcom give various examples, of which some are shown at the right of this page. You don’t need to make a lengthy case, it just needs to be specific and can be quite brief.

The email address for objections is policy@southlakeland.gov.uk

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Phone boxes to be closed in South Lakeland District
generally within the Lake District National Park

Ambleside, Blue Hill Road (Wansfell Terrace)
Backbarrow (Brow Edge Rd), Ulverston
Blawith, Ulverston
Bonningate, Kendal
Bouth, Ulverston
Bowlan Bridge, Grange-Over-Sands
Broughton Mills, Broughton-In-Furness
Cartmel Fell
Clappersgate, Ambleside
Coniston, Haws Bank
Coniston, near Black Bull (not on the list but BT state it is for closure)
Coniston, near TIC (not on the list but BT state it is for closure)
Crook, Kendal
Elterwater, Ambleside
Far Sawrey, Ambleside
Field Broughton, Grange Over Sands
Force Forge, Satterthaite, Ulverston
Grasmere, Keswick Road
Grasmere, Stock Lane
Hawkshead Hill, (Between Coniston And Hawkshead)
Ings, Kendal
Kentmere, Kendal
Lindale, Grange Over Sands
Low Stott Park, Ulverston
Lowick Bridge (Near Red Lion) Ulverston
Newby Bridge, Ulverston
Newton In Cartmel
Rydal, Ambleside
Satterthaite (Near Eagles Head) Ulverston
Spark Bridge, Ulverston
Station Road (Near Garage) Broughton-In-Furness
Staveley (Kentmere Rd), Kendal
Staveley, Ulverston
Torver
Tower Wood (South Lodge) Windermere
Troutbeck (Near Institute) Windermere
Underbarrow, Kendal
Windermere, Junction Of Whinfield Road And Park Road
Winstar, Windermere
Witherslack (Outside Ate), Grange Over Sands
Witherslack, (Near Appledene), Grange Over Sands
Woodland (Opp Baskell Farm) Broughton-In-Furness

Phone boxes to be closed in South Lakeland District generally outside the Lake District National Park
Barbon, Carnforth
Beetham, Milnthorpe
Bowston, Kendal
Casterton, Carnforth
Endmoor, Kendal
Four Lane Ends., Kirkby-in-Furness
Gawthwaite
Grayrigg, Kendal
Great Urswick
Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness
Hale, Milnthorpe
Heversham, Milnthorpe
Holme, Station Road
Hutton Roof
Kearstwick, Carnforth
Kendal, Bellingham Road/Wattsfield Road
Kendal, Castle Grove
Kendal, Hayclose Road
Kendal, Lingmoor Rise
Kendal, Parkside Road/Lound Road
Kendal, Sandylands Road
Killington, Sedbergh
Leece
Levens (The Green)
Little Urswick
Low Biggins, Carnforth
Marshside, Kirkby-in-Furness
Penny Bridge, Ulverston
Selside (Garnett Plain), Kendal
Selside (Hucks Bridge, Shap Road), Kendal
Stainton (Long Lane), Barrow-in-Furness
Swarthmoor, Ulverston Road
Ulverston, Victoria Road/Park Road
Phone boxes to be closed in South Lakeland District
within the Yorkshire Dales National Park
Barbon
Casterton
Kearstwick
Killington
Lunds
Millthrop

also about 51 more, outside South Lakeland and within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Parish clerks should have details, otherwise your district council offices. I can try to help if you email PhoneBoxSouthLakes@gmail.com but can't guarantee.

You need to give reasons for objection.
Ofcom give various examples of grounds for appeal against closure. They include:

ability to make emergency calls in case of a car breakdown "not all calls considered as emergency calls by the public are calls to the emergency services... For example ... roadside breakdown" **;

or collision (eg near an accident black spot);

proximity to other call boxes;

nature of the area "for example, a tourist area...";

"concerns about alternative access to telephone services for low population densities";

"poor, sporadic or the lack of mobile network coverage";

whether many residents in the area don't have land lines.

** " " means quoted from Ofcom documents.

Other districts

The appeals against closures in their areas are being handled by the four district councils: South Lakeland; Eden, Allerdale; and Copeland. The description above is only for South Lakeland. For other districts please get the contact details from your district council offices.

The councils are dealing with very tight deadlines. If you want to make an appeal you need to submit it urgently. The deadlines differ between the councils, and may be different for different locations. Some deadlines may now have expired.

Emails objecting to closure must be sent to the correct council. You need to know which district the parish containing the box is in - for example the district to which you pay council tax. If in doubt there are maps on the internet, for example some links are:

http://www.geopunk.co.uk/council/Copeland-District-(B)
http://www.geopunk.co.uk/council/Allerdale-District-(B)
http://www.geopunk.co.uk/council/Eden-District
http://www.geopunk.co.uk/council/South-Lakeland-District
Relevant BT documents:
Removing Public Call Boxes: a guide to the rules
The Public Call Box Direction
Guidance on procedures for the removal of public call boxes

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