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Comment on BT's proposals to remove 194 payphones in the Highlands

Commenting on BT's proposals to remove 194 payphones Rhoda Grant, Highlands and Islands Labour Regional MSP, said,

"This move is an inevitable reflection on the level of use of mobile phones and BT is proposing to remove the pay phones least used.

" However, I would welcome the fact that the company has said it will take into account any specific local social issues.

"I would urge anyone concerned about their local payphone to feed into the consultation through Highland Council," said Mrs Grant.

She added: "BT needs to take into account whether there are good mobile phone signals locally and the proximity of other payphones to the ones closing.

" Payphones often provide a lifeline service at times of emergency and I would urge Councils to ensure that they work closely with BT to ensure that these issues are taken into account."

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