

**Additional comments:**

Phone user in 01273 (Brighton) area.

**Question 1: Do you agree with our proposals that local dialling should be closed in the Five Area Codes - Aberdeen (01224), Bradford (01274), Brighton (01273), Middlesbrough (01642) and Milton Keynes (01908) - on 1 October 2014?:**

No

**Question 2: Are you aware of any local or national events that may dilute consumer awareness communications/any other factors suggesting that 1 October 2014 is an unsuitable date/time of year to introduce the proposed changes to local dialling?:**

No

**Question 3: Do you have any comments on the proposed modifications to the Numbering Plan set out at Annex 4 and/or on our view as to how the proposed modification meets the relevant legal tests in section 60(2) of the Act?:**

The proposals for closed local dialling, while addressing the immediate need for additional numbers in the affected areas, do not offer a long term solution for the increasing demand, and may necessitate further, more disruptive changes for subscribers within a decade in the most heavily subscriber areas.

Consideration should be seriously given to introducing new 02xx area codes with 7 digit numbers for those areas with most demand, which would maintain the principle of local dialling without forcing subscribers to use 11 digit numbers.