

17 December 2014

Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
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Dear Sajid,


Mobile Coverage

I am writing in response to your letter of 17 December 2014 relating to the agreement that you have reached with the mobile network operators to improve mobile coverage. I agree that this is welcome news, and should result in positive outcomes for consumers.

I confirm that we agree that all interested parties should be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on whether they consider that this new commitment, taking account of the associated incremental costs incurred by the MNOs, should impact future ALFs.

In order to afford them this opportunity, we will proceed to publish a further consultation on this, which is likely to be in the first couple of months in the New Year. As you note, we would anticipate that this will take a further four to seven months from February before we reach a final decision on the revised ALFs.

You have also mentioned to me separately the question of the phasing-in of revised ALFs. I can assure you that we are taking full account of the representations that the MNOs have made to us, in the context of our previous consultation, in reaching our final view on this.

Best wishes


Ed Richards

cc Dr Steve Unger

