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Organisation (if applicable):**Additional comments:**

Question 2.1: Should new replacement 080 numbers ? offered to SPs with 0500 numbers in use at present as a migration path away from the 0500 range, prior to the withdrawal of the 0500 range ? begin with an 080 85- prefix or with an 080 50- prefix? Please explain your preference. :

08050 looks "nicer", because it has more zeros in it (in the same way that "0300", "0500" and "0800" stand out). It can be read aloud as "oh eighty fifty" which is quick and easy to remember.

08085 looks less "nice", and "oh eighty eighty-five" is less memorable. On the other hand, "oh eight oh eight <pause> five A B C D E F" might sound better for some numbers,

Over all, I think 08085 is better -- there are already 080x numbers in use that begin with "0808x" (for x = 0,1,2,8,9) -- and hence 08085 will blend in nicely with those. In addition, as 08085 shares the first four digits with a existing freephone numbers, there might be less scope for the media to claim the introduction of a "new" freephone range "0805". (For example, the media claimed "0203" was a "new" code for London, rather than simply the start of issuing 8-digit local numbers in the "020" range that happened to begin with a "3".)

Question 2.2: Do you agree with our assessment of the technical difficulties, and potentially significant costs and disruption, that would result from making the proposed 080X migration sub-range available for allocation to all CPs currently hosting active 0500 telephone numbers and that, accordingly, it is appropriate to restrict the allocation of the sub-range to Vodafone (C&WW) during the migration period? If not, please explain your reasons.:

I agree with Ofcom's assessment.

Question 2.3: Do you agree with the measures proposed to ensure that all 0500 SPs are able to migrate regardless of the CP they use to host their 0500 number(s) currently? If not, please explain your reasons.:

The approach appears sensible.

Question 2.4: Do you agree with our proposal to impose a time limitation of 3 years and 3 months on the allocation of each block of 10,000 numbers within the 080X migration sub-range to Vodafone (C&WW), save to the extent that at least one number within the block is taken up by a migrating 0500 SP (in which case the allocation of that block will not be so time-limited)? If not, please explain your reasons. :

Yes, this appears sensible.

Question 2.5: Do you agree with our proposal of a 3-year timeframe for the withdrawal of 0500 numbers and for the migration of active services on these numbers to a new 080X sub-range (if so desired by any individual SP operating an 0500 number)? If not, please explain your reasons.:

Three years appears to be plenty of time.

Question 3.1: Do you have any comments on the draft modifications to the Numbering Plan, as set out in Annex 8, that we are proposing? Where you disagree with any of the proposed modifications, please explain why.:

No comments.

Question 3.2: Do you have any comments on the draft modifications to the numbering application form, Form S8, as set out in Annex 9, that we are proposing? Where you disagree with any of the proposed modifications, please explain why. :

No comments.