

Response to *Geographic telephone numbers: safeguarding the future of geographic numbers* Statement and further consultation published 7 September 2011

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Additional comments:

I oppose the allocation of geographic numbers starting with 0 or 1 in any dialling code area.

There is no need to increase the supply of geographic numbers, there is a need to manage inefficiency due to hogging of numbers by CPs and their failure to invest in NGN technology.

Ofcom should have powers to force return of unused blocks from CPs, should charge for unused numbers, and should set a deadline after which it will only allocate numbers in blocks of 100.

Question 1: Do you agree with our proposal to allocate up to 10,000 numbers in blocks of 100 numbers (i.e. 100 x 100-number blocks) in the following 11 five-digit area codes? Appleby (017683) Gosforth (019467) Grange over Sands (015395) Hawkshead (015394) Hornby (015242) Keswick (017687) Langholm (013873) Pooley Bridge (017684) Raughton Head (016974) Sedbergh (015396) and Wigton (016973):

Yes

A deadline should also be set to extend this to all area codes by 2012 to eliminate the need to issue numbers beginning with 0 or 1.

Question 2 & 3: n/a

Question 4: Do you agree that the pilot for geographic number charges should be introduced six months after the date the final statement is published? If not, please state your preferred implementation period and reasons.:

As an alternative to charging I would like Ofcom to have powers to recall blocks of unused numbers.

Question 5: Do you agree that we should introduce charges in a pilot scheme initially? If not, please state your preferred approach and reasons.:

Yes we need charging to give CPs an incentive to return unused blocks (unless Ofcom can have the power to recall blocks)

But rather than running a pilot I would prefer that charging should be rolled out immediately to put an end to hogging of blocks by CPs

Question 6: Do you agree that the revised pilot scheme should capture around 30 area codes with the fewest number blocks remaining available to allocate? If not, please state your preferred threshold and reasons.:

No

Charging should be rolled out immediately to put an end to hogging of blocks by CPs

Question 7-10: no comment or n/a