

Response to *Geographic telephone numbers: safeguarding the future of geographic numbers* consultation published 20 March 2012

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Additional comments:

We welcome Ofcom's positive comments on the proposal we made in response to the last consultation about establishing a co-regulatory industry forum on numbering issues and look forward to developments on this.

In Annex 3, there is reference to the number of WLR users at paragraph A3.30 but the number itself has been redacted. We are unclear why this number is considered confidential.

Question 1, 2, 3 and 5: no comment

Question 4: Do you agree with our proposed approach for ported and WLR numbers? If not, please explain why you disagree.:

Yes, we agree with the discount approach proposed for ported and WLR numbers in the pilot scheme arrangements. Under this approach, WLR users will not be charged directly for use of telephone numbers in the pilot area but BT will receive a discount from Ofcom (related to the number of external WLR lines provided in the pilot area) on the total charge it will pay under the pilot scheme arrangements. Similar arrangements, involving a wider range of CPs, would apply to ported numbers.