

## Your response

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<p>We invite interested parties to provide feedback on the Roadmap.</p>	<p>Confidential? –N</p>
<p>Ofcom Advisory Committee for Scotland</p>	<p><i>‘The Advisory Committee for Scotland advises Ofcom about the interests and opinions, in relation to communications matters, of persons living in Scotland.’<sup>1</sup></i></p> <p>The response from the ACS to this consultation draws on the knowledge and expertise of ACS members and is informed by our individual experience and through discussion at our meetings. It does not represent the views of Ofcom or its staff.</p> <p>We do not have many comments on the Ofcom spectrum roadmap proposals, which seem very well thought out, however we thought it useful to note a few items of feedback and potential action.</p>
<p>P11, Paragraph 2.26 – 700 MHz Band</p>	<p>We note that Ofcom has auctioned spectrum for 5G in the 700MHz band, with all released spectrum here being allocated to MNOs.</p> <p>The 700 MHz spectrum is particularly appropriate to providers serving rural areas. We would urge Ofcom to consider allocating spectrum in this band area to shared spectrum allocations for use by local ISPs, alternative and innovative commercial models (including, for example, Community Benefit Societies or “Bencoms<sup>2</sup>”, co-operatives etc) and other local initiatives. The work by the “5G New Thinking” (<a href="https://www.5gnewthinking.co.uk/">https://www.5gnewthinking.co.uk/</a> - part funded in the recent UK government/DCMS 5G projects) and their rural connectivity toolkit would be worthy of consideration in Ofcom’s review of shared spectrum</p>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/about/how-ofcom-is-run/committees/scotland/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://sladecooper.co.uk/resources/structures/community-benefit-society/#:~:text=A%20Community%20Benefit%20Society%20\(CBS,by%20way%20of%20a%20dividend](https://sladecooper.co.uk/resources/structures/community-benefit-society/#:~:text=A%20Community%20Benefit%20Society%20(CBS,by%20way%20of%20a%20dividend)

	allocation opportunities, particularly in these lower frequency bands.
<b>P15, Paragraph 2.44 – Space Science</b> <b>P16, Paragraph 2.49 – Satellite Services</b> <b>P24, Paragraph 3.5 – Drones</b>	<p>Scotland is home to a growing number of companies who will benefit from and/or be impacted by Ofcom decisions in these areas. As Ofcom Scotland has done, engaging with e.g. the salmon and forestry industries, we would recommend that Ofcom engaged with the companies in these sectors, including for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drone Companies in Scotland – for example Glasgow-based Gibson Robotics</li> <li>• Satellite Companies in Scotland including Alba Orbital, Spire Global Data and Analytics</li> </ul>
<b>P26, Paragraph 2.6 - Database approach to spectrum management</b>	Again, the work done in 5G New Thinking (referenced above) would be worth considering in this database approach.

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