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<p>Question 1: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposed Work Plan for 2026/27?</p>	<p>The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance (DSA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on Ofcom's proposed Plan of Work for 2026/27 and broadly supports its strategic direction and priorities. As the leading global advocate for dynamic spectrum access and licence-exempt spectrum policy, the DSA strongly welcomes Ofcom's continued focus on enabling wireless innovation, supporting economic growth, and ensuring efficient use of spectrum across sectors.</p> <p>The DSA particularly welcomes the prominence given to the priority of "Enabling wireless in the UK economy", and Ofcom's recognition of spectrum as a critical enabler of innovation, connectivity and productivity. The Plan of Work appropriately reflects the increasing demand for wireless services from a diverse range of technologies, including Wi-Fi, mobile, satellite and emerging use cases, and the need for flexible and forward-looking spectrum management frameworks.</p> <p>In this context, the DSA strongly supports Ofcom's intention to improve access to the 6 GHz band, including its work on enabling higher-power outdoor Wi-Fi through Automatic Frequency Coordination (AFC). AFC has already been successfully implemented or authorised in several jurisdictions, including the United States and Canada, and provides a proven, technically robust mechanism to protect incumbent services while unlocking significant additional capacity for licence-exempt use. Enabling AFC in lower 6 GHz and further steps towards Wi-Fi in upper 6 GHz in Q2 2026/27 would deliver substantial benefits for enterprise connectivity, public services, regional broadband, and innovation across the UK economy.</p> <p>The DSA also support Ofcom's efforts to extend access for Low Power Indoor (LPI) and Very Low Power (VLP) Wi-Fi in the 6 GHz band. These measures are essential to ensuring that the UK remains at the forefront of digital connectivity, innovation, and spectrum efficiency.</p>

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	<p>LPI has already demonstrated its value in delivering high-capacity indoor connectivity for homes, enterprises, and public services. Extending LPI access into the upper 6 GHz band would unlock additional spectrum capacity, alleviate congestion in existing bands, and enable the full potential of Wi-Fi 6E/7. This expansion would directly benefit enterprise networks, hospitals, schools, and other public institutions that depend on reliable, high-performance indoor connectivity to deliver digital services.</p> <p>VLP is a critical enabler of the next generation of portable and wearable devices. Its ultra-low-power design allows safe operation both indoors and outdoors, supporting innovation in applications such as AR/VR and IoT applications. Authorising VLP across the 6 GHz band would foster new consumer and enterprise use cases from smart manufacturing to connected healthcare, while maintaining appropriate protections for incumbent services.</p> <p>Taken together, LPI and VLP Wi-Fi would deliver substantial benefits for enterprise connectivity, public services, regional broadband, and innovation across the UK economy. These measures would help bridge the digital divide by enabling affordable, high-quality Wi-Fi access in underserved areas, complementing fibre and mobile deployments. They also align closely with the UK's broader digital strategy by supporting competitiveness, sustainability, and inclusive growth.</p> <p>The DSA also welcomes Ofcom's commitment to spectrum sharing, flexible authorisation models, and international engagement, while also supporting its emphasis on evidence-based regulation and stakeholder collaboration. Aligning with global best practice and engaging closely with industry, technology developers, and users of licence-exempt spectrum will be essential to ensure the UK remains competitive, supports global equipment ecosystems, and maximises consumer and economic benefits from wireless technologies.</p> <p>Overall, the DSA considers the proposed Plan of Work for 2026/27 to be well-balanced and forward-looking, and we look forward to continuing to engage constructively with Ofcom to support its objectives of enabling innovation, promoting efficient spectrum use, and making communications work for everyone.</p>

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