

Representing:

Self

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Question 3.1: We welcome views from stakeholders on whether the setting of quality targets for PAF would be constructive. If so, would stakeholders find the publication of achievement against those targets helpful? Please state why:

Question 6.1: Do stakeholders agree with our analysis of the options for cost recovery against the principles of cost causation, and our proposal on cost recovery? Please give reasons for your response:

No. Small users (at least) should be free.

Make the first (say) 5000/year requests free has two effects:

- 1) Lowers the barriers of entry for small businesses writing software that may in the future "grow up" into widely used (and revenue generating) packages.
- 2) Allows open-source authors the ability to develop useful packages that can then be taken up and paid for by businesses without the need to cover development costs.

However, there are significant benefits to making the data set free as a whole. This is public information and should therefore be freely available to the public. A cost could still be charged for those wishing to make extensive use of a Royal Mail provided API, however by allowing the entire data set to be downloaded free of charge a market place in such APIs could be established driving innovation and competitiveness of UK business.

Question 7.1: Do stakeholders agree with our proposed approach to the terms on which PAF is made available, and our guidance on those terms? Please give reasons for your response: