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Additional comments:

Question 6.1: Do you have any comments on the proposal to include in one of the 800 MHz licences an obligation to serve by the end of 2017 an area in which 95% of the UK population lives, while providing a sustained downlink speed of 2Mbps with a 90% probability of indoor reception? Do you think there is another way of specifying a coverage obligation that would be preferable?:

I'd prefer that the coverage was changed to be more geographical in nature as opposed to UK population – typically I want to have the ability to make mobile phone calls when I'm not at home e.g. out in the country somewhere – even now on 2G there are areas of the UK where this isn't possible on all mobile networks. So I'd prefer to see xx% of the geographical area of the UK (95% might be too high for this I guess).

Question 6.3: Do you have any comments or evidence on whether an additional obligation should be imposed to require coverage on specific roads?:

It'd be quite nice if mobile phone coverage was guaranteed on A roads or better – also coverage on train lines could be useful, in particular some train companies use mobile networks for their wifi access, so uninterrupted wifi access would be a bonus (I don't know if the train/wifi companies would be willing to contribute to the cost of providing improved service however).