

Response to *Geographic telephone numbers: safeguarding the future of geographic numbers*

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Question 1: Do you have any comments on the objectives and approach to this review of geographic number management? Do you agree with the policy principles that we consider should inform the review?:

Yes

Question 2: Do you agree that we should not consider further at this stage options that would change existing numbers?:

Definitely

Question 3: Do you agree that local solutions are appropriate based on our current forecasts of anticipated requirement of more numbers?:

Not necessarily

Question 4: Do you agree with our assessment of the options for providing new supplies of numbers in four-digit code areas, as presented in Section 4 and in Annex 3:

No

Question 5: Do you agree that closing local dialling followed, if necessary, by the introduction of an overlay code should be the preferred option for providing new supplies of numbers in four-digit areas that may need them? Please give reasons for your answers, and provide evidence where possible.:

No

Question 6: Are there any other number supply measures that we should consider for four-digit areas?:

Why not make new wholesale customers use a different code - eg. in Derby use 02332

Question 7: Do you agree that we should merge five-digit codes with four-digit codes to create new supplies in five-digit code areas that need them? Do you have any comment on our assessment of the impacts of the options we have considered? If so, please provide relevant evidence where possible.:

Possibly

Question 8: Are there any other numbers supply measures that we should consider for five-digit areas?:

Why do large companies have to have large blocks of numbers? They could use their internal extension numbers as extra digits.

Question 9: Do you agree with our considerations and preliminary conclusions on how new supplies of numbers should be provided where they are required?:

don't know

Question 10: Do you have any comments on how the implementation of number supply measures should be planned?:

For new areas (like the 02332) use 7 digit numbers

Question 11: How long do you consider that CPs would need to plan the implementation of the preferred options for four- and five-digit areas?:

don't know

Question 12: If you are a CP, what costs do you consider that your company would incur if the preferred options for four- and five-digit areas were implemented?:

don't know

Question 13: Do you think that we should reserve a limited amount of numbers for allocation in blocks of 100 numbers in area codes where it is feasible to do so?:

don't know

Question 14: What criteria, if any, in addition to a ?first-come first-served? basis should be used for allocating such blocks of 100 numbers to providers?:

don't know

Question 15: Should the geographic extent of such allocations be limited to the seven areas likely to run out of numbers for allocation before 2015? (i.e. Blackpool (01253), Bournemouth (01202), Bradford (01274), Brighton (01273), Derby (01332), Langholm (013873) and Middlesbrough (01642)):

If you go for 02332 +7 digits then the geographical area for the new code could be widened if necessary to cover areas with overlap with existing 02xx code areas

Question 16-27: don't know