

Conserving geographic numbers consultation response

(name withheld 1)

Additional comments:

I find it difficult to credit that Ofcom has blundered into this position, of having had up to about 0.8 billion each of 01 and 02 numbers to allocate and now starting to panic that it has a shortage, and all due to handing out blocks of 10,000 numbers in each exchange even to companies who don't have near that many customers spread throughout the whole country. I could even apply now for numbers in my exchange which end in 000n, from a provider which seems to have allocated fewer than 20 numbers here. Can you ask to recover most of the unused parts of 10,000 blocks already given out? And is it worth reducing your proposals to blocks of less than 1000 in some places?

Question 1: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal for the 336 geographic area codes listed in the schedule to the notification in Annex 7 to be determined as Conservation Areas? Are there any codes which you think: a) should not have been included in the proposal, and/or b) should have been omitted? If so, please state which codes and for what reasons:

yes

Question 2: (directed to communications providers) Since we conducted our impact assessments on conservation area policy in 2006, are there any changes to the costs and impact on networks of implementing conservation measures that you want to make us aware of? If so, please set these out in your response, explaining the nature of the costs and/or constraints and any possible steps to overcome or reduce these.: