



# Conserving geographic numbers

Proposal to implement number conservation measures in additional geographic areas including modifications to the National Telephone Numbering Plan

Consultation

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## Section 1

# Summary

- 1.1 This consultation proposes the introduction of number conservation measures in 336 geographic areas in addition to the existing 265 geographic conservation areas. The proposal is made in line with agreed geographic number management policy and, if agreed, would not result in any changes to that policy. This proposal relates solely to the way number blocks are allocated and used by communications providers. This consultation is not proposing any changes to existing telephone numbers or to the way that consumers use geographic numbers.
- 1.2 It is Ofcom's duty to ensure that sufficient and appropriate telephone numbers are available to allocate to communications providers so that they can provide communications services to consumers.
- 1.3 Due to the sustained increase in demand for geographic numbers in certain areas, available number blocks to allocate to communications providers have become scarce. To ensure the continued supply of numbers, and thereby promote competition, consumer choice and innovation in service provision, we are proposing to implement conservation measures in specific geographic areas to supplement those already in place.
- 1.4 Number conservation measures are central to our management of numbers as they help us to meet communications providers' demand for geographic numbers in a way that has no impact on consumers. They delay or forestall the need for action to increase the supply of numbers, such as the creation of additional codes to cover areas that have run out of numbers, known as 'overlay codes', which can be confusing for consumers. Conservation measures achieve this by reducing the size of number blocks allocated from 10,000 to 1,000 numbers. This creates a tenfold increase in the amount of blocks available for allocation and allows us to align the size of allocation more closely to communications providers' requirements, thus enabling more efficient use of numbers.
- 1.5 In this consultation, we propose to give conservation status to 336 areas with '0' plus 4-digit area codes (that is, all area codes in the format 01XXX except for 01481 Guernsey and 01534 Jersey) in addition to the 265 4- and 5-digit areas that already have this status.

## Consultation process

- 1.6 We publish the National Telephone Numbering Plan ("the Plan"), which sets out numbers available for allocation and any restrictions on their adoption or use. This includes the designation of conservation areas and the impact of this on number allocation and use. This consultation fulfils certain statutory procedures that we must follow when we propose to make changes to the Plan, including a proposal for geographic number conservation. We are seeking comments on the proposal and the specific questions in this document by 5pm on 11 January 2010.

## Section 2

# Introduction

### The need for this consultation

- 2.1 It is our duty, as set out in section 63 of the Communications Act 2003 (“the Act”), to ensure that what appears to us to be best use is made of the UK’s telephone numbers and to encourage efficiency and innovation for that purpose. This includes ensuring sufficient and appropriate telephone numbers are available to provide communications services to consumers.
- 2.2 A lack of available numbers would hinder competition, consumer choice and innovation in the provision of networks and services. Therefore, where the supply of blocks of telephone numbers is limited, our duty is to act.
- 2.3 Demand for geographic numbers continues to be high, resulting in large volumes of numbers being allocated. As a consequence, the supply of blocks of geographic numbers available for us to allocate to communications providers is becoming limited in certain areas. We are therefore consulting on extending conservation measures to all geographic areas that are expected to run out of blocks to allocate in the next five years. We have carried out similar consultations in the past and may do so for remaining non-conservation areas in the future if required.
- 2.4 Our proposal would create a tenfold increase in the amount of blocks available for allocation in the proposed areas by dividing the pool of available numbers into units of 1,000 (1K) rather than 10,000 (10K) numbers.
- 2.5 Geographic number conservation status is recorded in the Plan. This ensures, through a provision in General Condition 17 (“the Numbering Condition”), that communications providers observe the resulting restrictions in allocation and use – that is, that they adopt or use numbers in units of 1K. Section 60(3) of the Act requires us to consult on our proposal for modifications to the Plan. Annex 6 of this document sets out the legal framework and how our proposal meets the relevant legal tests. Annex 7 contains the notification of the proposal.

### Ofcom’s policy for managing geographic number demand

- 2.6 We recognise that consumers value highly the ability to keep their telephone numbers and the geographic significance that they provide. Action is required to conserve the current supply of numbers and delay or forestall the need for number supply measures in the future, such as overlay codes,<sup>1</sup> which can be confusing and disruptive for consumers.
- 2.7 In 2006, we reviewed the way that we manage communications providers’ demand for geographic numbers. Our statement *Telephone Numbering: Safeguarding the future of numbers*<sup>2</sup> established our policy for conservation measures to cover specific areas where there is a realistic expectation of number exhaustion within five years and, in those areas, allocate numbers in smaller blocks in order to improve utilisation

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<sup>1</sup> An overlay code is a second area code that ‘overlays’ an existing geographic area that has run out of available blocks to allocate to communications providers, thus creating a further supply of numbers.

<sup>2</sup> *Telephone Numbering: Safeguarding the future of numbers* statement, 27 July 2006  
<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/numberingreview/statement/statement.pdf>

rates and more closely align block size to demand. Accordingly, we periodically review the availability of numbers in all areas and propose the implementation of conservation measures in additional areas where required.

- 2.8 In agreeing our geographic number management policy, we recognised that conservation measures have an impact on communications providers' decode resource due to the need for networks to analyse an additional digit to route calls to numbers in conservation areas. We established that the benefits of maintaining the supply of geographic numbers without the need for more disruptive number supply measures such as overlay codes outweighed the costs to communication providers of implementing conservation measures. Nevertheless, communications providers should advise us if significant costs or impact on decode resource is expected as a consequence of our conservation area proposals (see Question 2 at the end of Section 3).

## Section 3

# Conserving geographic numbers

## Introduction

- 3.1 Geographic numbers are widely recognised and trusted by consumers<sup>3</sup>, generating a continual high demand from communications providers. The result of this demand is that number blocks available for allocation in geographic area codes with a '0' plus 4-digit format, referred to as '4-digit area codes' (i.e. 01XXX), are being rapidly depleted. Areas with 4-digit codes have a maximum of 79 10K blocks available for allocation. As a consequence, the resource is limited and high volumes of allocation create scarcity.
- 3.2 Conservation measures are a well-established means of increasing the availability of number blocks for allocation to communications providers. By reducing the block size from 10K to 1K we can increase the effectiveness with which communications providers use geographic numbers. Conservation measures are already in place for geographic numbers in certain areas where number blocks became scarce over the last few years.
- 3.3 Our proposal to create additional conservation areas has no adverse effects on consumers. On the contrary, conservation measures are designed to delay or forestall the need to create an additional supply of numbers, which can be confusing for consumers. They also secure the benefits of competition and innovation by ensuring that sufficient numbers are available on which consumers can receive services. Importantly, the proposal does not relate to number changes; nor does it indicate an insufficient supply of numbers to meet consumers' needs in the proposed conservation areas.

## Geographic number conservation policy

- 3.4 The UK numbering scheme has over 600 geographic area codes. Without conservation measures, numbers within these codes are divided into blocks of 10K for allocation to communications providers. This block size was established historically as a reasonable level at which communications providers' networks could, in terms of technical capability, interpret the digits dialled and route calls accordingly.
- 3.5 There are now over 250 communications providers with an allocation of numbers from Ofcom in at least one geographic area. Most of these communications providers do not require thousands of geographic numbers in an area. We know this, as communications providers must state their usage forecasts when applying for the allocation of numbers. However, without conservation measures, a block of 10K is the smallest level at which we allocate geographic numbers. This can result in poor utilisation. If a communications provider justifies demand for more numbers, multiples of 1K blocks can be allocated.
- 3.6 Allocation of 1K number blocks has proved effective in delaying the need to take further measures in areas of scarcity. To illustrate, the nine areas that first

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<sup>3</sup> Ofcom's consumer research for the *Telephone Numbering: safeguarding the future of numbers* consultation and statement is available at <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/numberingreview/research/>. The research emphasised that consumers highly value continuity in their geographic numbers.

experienced number block scarcity and were given conservation status in 2002 still have a sufficient supply of numbers to meet demand as set out in Figure 1.

Geographic Area Code	Geographic Area	Number of 1K blocks available for allocation as at 31 October 2009
01224	Aberdeen	108
01202	Bournemouth	54
01274	Bradford	48
01273	Brighton	64
01483	Guildford	161
01642	Middlesbrough	53
01753	Slough	169
01782	Stoke-on-Trent	96
01902	Wolverhampton	170

Figure 1: Availability of number blocks in the initial nine conservation areas

3.7 We review the availability of numbers regularly due to the sustained increase in geographic number allocations to communications providers. Since 2003 there has been a steady increase in the number of communications providers requesting the allocation of geographic numbers. The resulting rise in the number of geographic blocks allocated is set out in Figure 2.

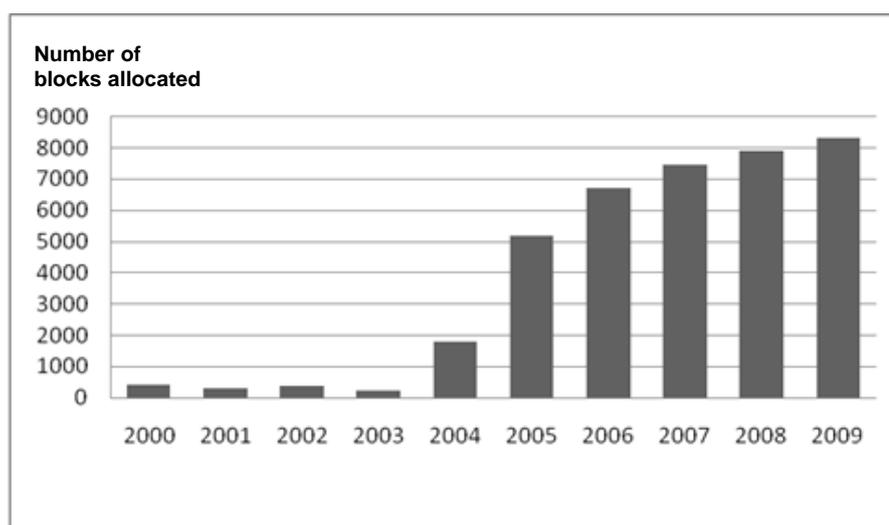


Figure 2: Increase in geographic number block allocations over the past ten years. Figures for 2009 are shown up to 31 October 2009.

3.8 The continued demand for geographic numbers has resulted in an increasing number of areas requiring conservation measures since 2002. Currently there are 265 geographic areas with conservation status recorded in the Plan and these came into effect following consultation as follows:

- 9 geographic areas were given conservation status in 2002;
- 42 additional areas in 2005;
- 27 additional areas in 2006;
- 91 additional areas in 2007; and
- 96 additional areas in 2008.

## Proposed conservation areas

- 3.8 In order to give a geographic area code conservation status, we select those areas that meet the definition of a Conservation Area in the Plan:<sup>4</sup>

“Conservation Area’ means a geographic area that Ofcom believes has a realistic expectation of number exhaustion within the next five years”.

- 3.9 A “realistic expectation of number exhaustion” is assessed by looking at the block allocation figures for specific areas over the past few years to identify likely future demand and determining whether this could be met from the remaining free number blocks.

- 3.10 Once we have established which areas have a realistic expectation of exhaustion within the next five years, we consult on our proposal to modify the Plan. Subject to that consultation and assuming measures are introduced, conservation status can be reflected in the Plan and the measures, consisting of restrictions in the use of numbers, are enforceable. These restrictions are set out in part B3.1.6 of the Plan as follows:

“Numbers in geographic areas where a Conservation Area status is indicated shall only be Adopted or otherwise used in units of 1,000 numbers at a time.”

- 3.11 We have examined the current position of all standard geographic areas (that is geographic areas without conservation status) and concluded that 336 areas require immediate Conservation Area status in addition to the existing 265 areas. The areas proposed are set out in Annexes 5 and 7. Annex 5 lists the proposed areas alphabetically by geographic area name and includes the amount of blocks remaining available for allocation as at 31 October 2009 and the number of blocks allocated from each area since October 2005. Annex 7 provides the schedule to the notification of our proposal and lists the areas numerically by geographic area code as they appear in the Plan.

- 3.12 The block availability and allocation figures included in Annex 5 demonstrate the level of demand from communications providers for number blocks in the listed areas and why we consider these areas are at risk of number exhaustion. Allocation rates have remained at a broadly similar level over the last four years, with an average of ten blocks allocated in each area per annum. We expect the same level of demand to continue. This means that standard areas with less than 50 blocks available for allocation have a realistic expectation of number exhaustion within the next five years (the position regarding Ebbsfleet is different and is explained below). The figures in Annex 5 demonstrate that based on recent demand for number blocks in the areas listed and taking into account the amount of number of blocks that remain available for allocation, all the listed areas have a realistic expectation of number exhaustion within the next five years unless conservation measures are taken.

- 3.13 The Ebbsfleet geographic area code 01987 was created in 2008 to meet demand for telephone numbers in a new area. Since April 2008, we have allocated 26 10K blocks, with only 53 10K blocks remaining. This rate of allocation over the past

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<sup>4</sup> The definition of ‘Conservation Area’, including the criteria of “a realistic expectation of number exhaustion within the next five years” was established in the *Telephone Numbering: Safeguarding the future of numbers* statement published on 27 July 2006.

eighteen months suggests that it would be sensible to conserve numbers in Ebbsfleet at this time.

- 3.14 Given the analysis above, our proposal is that conservation status should be given to all the remaining 4-digit area codes except for two areas – Guernsey 01481 and Jersey 01534. Jersey and Guernsey have their own regulatory regime and communications regulators. Being Crown Dependencies of the UK, arrangements are in place for those islands to use UK numbers. Part of the regulatory regime in the Channel Islands is for communications providers to obtain a licence before running a communications service in those areas. This has resulted in a far lower average block allocation rate than recently experienced in UK area codes. Consequently, there is a realistic expectation that sufficient number blocks remain available for allocation in these two areas and we are not proposing to implement conservation measures at this time.
- 3.15 Conservation measures are already in place for approximately half of all 4-digit area codes and all 5-digit area codes. If our proposal is implemented, the vast majority of the UK's area codes would become conservation areas. The remaining Standard Areas<sup>5</sup> would consist of Jersey, Guernsey and area codes in the '0' plus two- and three-digit format (i.e. 01X1, 011X and 02X area codes) that are used in large cities (e.g. 0121 Birmingham, 0113 Leeds and 020 London). These area codes have a far larger pool of numbers available for allocation due to the shorter area code and longer subscriber number format. For example, Birmingham and Leeds have approximately 790 x 10K blocks and London 7900 x 10K blocks in contrast to a 4-digit area's 79 x 10K blocks. We are not proposing to give conservation status to any 2- or 3-digit area codes at this time.

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.

### How the proposal meets the legal tests

- 3.16 It is Ofcom's duty, when proposing a modification to the Plan, to show how we consider that our proposal complies with the legal tests in the Act. The legal framework is set out in Annex 6 for reference.
- 3.17 The effect of the modification to the Plan would give conservation status to the additional 336 geographic areas set out in the Notification (see Annex 7).
- 3.18 We are satisfied that the proposal for modifications to provisions of the Plan meets the tests set out in section 60(2) of the Act being:

- **objectively justifiable**, in that the proposal is within our agreed policy for the effective and efficient management of geographic numbers, established

<sup>5</sup> A 'Standard Area' is defined in the Plan as "a geographic area that Ofcom believes does not have a realistic risk of exhaustion within the next five years".

following consultation in 2006. The proposal to give conservation status to the areas listed in the schedule to the notification in Annex 7 is based on those areas meeting an objective test of number block scarcity. The test uses the number of blocks available for allocation in an area and previous allocation rates to determine whether the remaining blocks could realistically be expected to meet anticipated demand for numbers in that area for the next five years. Areas where the test demonstrates a realistic expectation of number exhaustion within the next five years are proposed to become conservation areas;

- **not unduly discriminatory**, in that all communications providers eligible to apply for telephone numbers would be subject to the proposed modifications to the Plan;
- **proportionate**, in that the proposed modifications to the Plan are the minimum revision necessary to its provisions to conserve geographic numbers and to bring the Plan into line with current geographic area code number availability.
- We recognise that the proposal to implement conservation measures in an additional 336 areas represents a 128% increase in conservation areas and is over three-and-a-half times the number of conservation areas proposed in the 2007 and 2008 consultations. However, we consider this proposal to be proportionate given the sustained level of demand over the past few years, our forecasts that such demand is likely to continue and the resulting expectation of number exhaustion if we fail to take action. We therefore propose to act now to reduce the block size for allocations while there is still a sufficient supply of 10K blocks available to divide into 1K blocks, otherwise areas will run out of numbers before conservation can have an effect; and
- **transparent**, in that the Notification proposing the modifications to the Plan, and its effects, are set out in this consultation document.

3.19 We consider that we are fulfilling our general duty as to telephone number functions as set out in section 63 of the Act in making our proposal by:

- **securing the best use of appropriate numbers**, in that the proposal seeks to ensure that optimal use is made of the most limited geographic numbering resources, thus ensuring that appropriate numbers are available for allocation. The proposal is consistent with the strategy previously set out in our July 2006 statement *Telephone Numbering: Safeguarding the future of numbers*; and
- **encouraging efficiency and innovation**, in that the proposal seeks to improve efficiency in number use and more closely align allocation to demand, thus encouraging efficiency through improved utilisation rates. The proposal seeks to ensure that sufficient and appropriate numbering resources are available to meet communication providers' demands thereby facilitating innovation.

3.20 We consider that our proposal to modify the Plan is consistent with our principal duty and the aims and matters to which we must have regard when carrying out our functions as set out in section 3 of the Act. In particular, we consider that the proposal would further the interests of citizens in relation to communications matters

and consumers in relevant markets by ensuring that the supply of telephone numbers is maintained.

- 3.21 In proposing the modification to the Plan, we also considered the Community obligations set out in section 4 of the Act, particularly the requirement to promote the interests of all persons who are citizens of the European Union. Taking measures to conserve geographic numbers benefits citizens as the proposal would result in more efficient use of the limited resource, thus delaying or forestalling the need for more disruptive measures to ensure availability.

## Impact assessment

- 3.22 We have not carried out a new impact assessment as part of this consultation. This is because impact assessments on the policy for geographic number management were conducted for the February 2006 consultation<sup>6</sup> and the July 2006 statement<sup>7</sup> both entitled *Telephone Numbering: Safeguarding the future of numbers*. A further impact assessment on creating additional conservation areas was included in our August 2006 statement *Conserving geographic numbers*.<sup>8</sup> Those impact assessments concluded that while conservation measures have an impact on communications providers in terms of administrative and operational costs, this is outweighed by the benefits of maintaining the supply of geographic number blocks without the need for more disruptive measures.
- 3.23 This consultation does not propose any changes to current numbering policy. It applies the established geographic number management policy of implementing conservation measures in areas expected to run out of available number blocks within the next five years. Thus, the impact assessments referred to in the previous paragraph also apply to the proposal set out here.

*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.*

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/numberingreview/numbering.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/numberingreview/statement/statement.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> *Conserving geographic numbers* – statement published by Ofcom on 10 August 2006  
[http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/geo\\_numbers/statement/geo.pdf](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/geo_numbers/statement/geo.pdf)

## Annex 1

# Responding to this consultation

## How to respond

- A1.1 Ofcom invites written views and comments on the issues raised in this document, to be made by 5pm on **11 January 2010**.
- A1.2 Ofcom strongly prefers to receive responses using the online web form at <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/conserves/howtorespond/form> as this helps us to process the responses quickly and efficiently. We would also be grateful if you could assist us by completing a response cover sheet (see Annex 3), to indicate whether or not there are confidentiality issues. This response coversheet is incorporated into the online web form questionnaire.
- A1.3 For larger consultation responses - particularly those with supporting charts, tables or other data - please email [elizabeth.greenberg@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.greenberg@ofcom.org.uk) attaching your response in Microsoft Word format, together with a consultation response coversheet.
- A1.4 Responses may alternatively be posted or faxed to the address below, marked with the title of the consultation.
- Elizabeth Greenberg  
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- A1.5 Note that we do not need a hard copy in addition to an electronic version. Ofcom will acknowledge receipt of responses if they are submitted using the online web form but not otherwise.
- A1.6 It would be helpful if your response could include direct answers to the questions asked in this document, which are listed together at Annex 4. It would also help if you can explain why you hold your views and how Ofcom's proposal would impact on you.

## Further information

- A1.7 If you want to discuss the issues and questions raised in this consultation, or need advice on the appropriate form of response, please contact Elizabeth Greenberg on 020 7783 4163.

## Confidentiality

- A1.8 We believe it is important for everyone interested in an issue to see the views expressed by consultation respondents. We will therefore usually publish all responses on our website, [www.ofcom.org.uk](http://www.ofcom.org.uk), ideally on receipt. If you think your response should be kept confidential, can you please specify what part or whether all

of your response should be kept confidential, and specify why. Please also place such parts in a separate annex.

- A1.9 If someone asks us to keep part or all of a response confidential, we will treat this request seriously and will try to respect this. But sometimes we will need to publish all responses, including those that are marked as confidential, in order to meet legal obligations.
- A1.10 Please also note that copyright and all other intellectual property in responses will be assumed to be licensed to Ofcom to use. Ofcom's approach on intellectual property rights is explained further on its website at <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/about/accoun/disclaimer/>

### Next steps

- A1.11 Following the end of the consultation period, we intend to publish a statement in early 2010.
- A1.12 Please note that you can register to receive free mail Updates alerting you to the publications of relevant Ofcom documents. For more details please see: [http://www.ofcom.org.uk/static/subscribe/select\\_list.htm](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/static/subscribe/select_list.htm)

### Ofcom's consultation processes

- A1.13 Ofcom seeks to ensure that responding to a consultation is easy as possible. For more information please see our consultation principles in Annex 2.
- A1.14 If you have any comments or suggestions on how Ofcom conducts its consultations, please call our consultation helpdesk on 020 7981 3003 or e-mail us at [consult@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:consult@ofcom.org.uk) . We would particularly welcome thoughts on how Ofcom could more effectively seek the views of those groups or individuals, such as small businesses or particular types of residential consumers, who are less likely to give their opinions through a formal consultation.
- A1.15 If you would like to discuss these issues or Ofcom's consultation processes more generally you can alternatively contact Vicki Nash, Director Scotland, who is Ofcom's consultation champion:

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## Annex 2

# Ofcom's consultation principles

A2.1 Ofcom has published the following seven principles that it will follow for each public written consultation.

### Before the consultation

A2.2 Where possible, we will hold informal talks with people and organisations before announcing a big consultation to find out whether we are thinking in the right direction. If we do not have enough time to do this, we will hold an open meeting to explain our proposals shortly after announcing the consultation.

### During the consultation

A2.3 We will be clear about who we are consulting, why, on what questions and for how long.

A2.4 We will make the consultation document as short and simple as possible with a summary of no more than two pages. We will try to make it as easy as possible to give us a written response. If the consultation is complicated, we may provide a shortened Plain English Guide for smaller organisations or individuals who would otherwise not be able to spare the time to share their views.

A2.5 We will consult for up to 10 weeks depending on the potential impact of our proposals.<sup>9</sup>

A2.6 A person within Ofcom will be in charge of making sure we follow our own guidelines and reach out to the largest number of people and organisations interested in the outcome of our decisions. Ofcom's 'Consultation Champion' will also be the main person to contact with views on the way we run our consultations.

A2.7 If we are not able to follow one of these principles, we will explain why.

### After the consultation

A2.8 We think it is important for everyone interested in an issue to see the views of others during a consultation. We would usually publish all the responses we have received on our website. In our statement, we will give reasons for our decisions and will give an account of how the views of those concerned helped shape those decisions.

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<sup>9</sup> This consultation will last for one month plus additional time to cover the Christmas and New Year period. One month is the minimum consultation period required in the Act before making modifications to the Plan. As our proposed modifications follow policy established during former consultations, we have made this a 'Category 3' consultation. In accordance with our [consultation guidelines](#), Category 3 consultations have a time period of one month.

## Annex 3

# Consultation response cover sheet

- A3.1 In the interests of transparency and good regulatory practice, we will publish all consultation responses in full on our website, [www.ofcom.org.uk](http://www.ofcom.org.uk).
- A3.2 We have produced a coversheet for responses (see below) and would be very grateful if you could send one with your response (this is incorporated into the online web form if you respond in this way). This will speed up our processing of responses, and help to maintain confidentiality where appropriate.
- A3.3 The quality of consultation can be enhanced by publishing responses before the consultation period closes. In particular, this can help those individuals and organisations with limited resources or familiarity with the issues to respond in a more informed way. Therefore Ofcom would encourage respondents to complete their coversheet in a way that allows Ofcom to publish their responses upon receipt, rather than waiting until the consultation period has ended.
- A3.4 We strongly prefer to receive responses via the online web form which incorporates the coversheet. If you are responding via email, post or fax you can download an electronic copy of this coversheet in Word or RTF format from the 'Consultations' section of our website at [www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/).
- A3.5 Please put any parts of your response you consider should be kept confidential in a separate annex to your response and include your reasons why this part of your response should not be published. This can include information such as your personal background and experience. If you want your name, address, other contact details, or job title to remain confidential, please provide them in your cover sheet only, so that we don't have to edit your response.

## Cover sheet for response to an Ofcom consultation

### BASIC DETAILS

Consultation title: Conserving geographic numbers

To (Ofcom contact): Elizabeth Greenberg

Name of respondent:

Representing (self or organisation/s):

Address (if not received by email):

### CONFIDENTIALITY

Please tick below what part of your response you consider is confidential, giving your reasons why

Nothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name/contact details/job title	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whole response	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part of the response	<input type="checkbox"/>	If there is no separate annex, which parts?	

If you want part of your response, your name or your organisation not to be published, can Ofcom still publish a reference to the contents of your response (including, for any confidential parts, a general summary that does not disclose the specific information or enable you to be identified)?

### DECLARATION

I confirm that the correspondence supplied with this cover sheet is a formal consultation response that Ofcom can publish. However, in supplying this response, I understand that Ofcom may need to publish all responses, including those which are marked as confidential, in order to meet legal obligations. If I have sent my response by email, Ofcom can disregard any standard e-mail text about not disclosing email contents and attachments.

Ofcom seeks to publish responses on receipt. If your response is non-confidential (in whole or in part), and you would prefer us to publish your response only once the consultation has ended, please tick here.

Name

Signed (if hard copy)

## Annex 4

# Consultation questions

### **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.

### **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.

## Annex 5

## Proposed conservation areas

A5.1 The table below lists the proposed conservation areas alphabetically by geographic area name and includes the number of blocks remaining available for allocation as at 31 October 2009 and the number of blocks allocated from each area since October 2005 (since April 2008 in Ebbsfleet).

Geographic Area	Geographic Area Code	Number of available blocks as at 31 Oct 2009	Number of blocks allocated since Oct 2005
Aberfledy	01887	32	38
Abergavenny	01873	22	40
Aberystwyth	01970	23	39
Abington	01864	34	39
Alloa	01259	14	49
Alnwick	01665	22	43
Amesbury	01980	16	44
Ammanford	01269	20	45
Arbroath	01241	15	49
Ardgay	01863	32	41
Arrochar	01301	30	44
Ashbourne	01335	18	44
Ashburton	01364	21	43
Bala	01678	30	41
Ballachulish	01855	30	40
Ballindalloch	01807	34	37
Bamburgh	01668	32	41
Banchory	01330	23	43
Banff	01261	23	43
Barmouth	01341	22	44
Barnard Castle	01833	25	40
Bedale	01677	28	40
Berwick-on-Tweed	01289	24	46
Betws-y-Coed	01690	28	39
Bicester	01869	9	48
Bideford	01237	19	48
Biggar	01899	27	41
Bishops Castle	01588	28	38
Blairgowrie	01250	24	46
Blandford	01258	10	51
Bourne	01778	23	40
Brechin	01356	25	42
Brecon	01874	20	42
Bridgnorth	01746	24	41
Bridport	01308	22	43
Brigg	01652	21	44
Bromyard	01886	32	40
Brooke	01508	19	43
Bude	01288	24	42

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Budleigh Salterton	01395	13	47
Builth Wells	01982	28	43
Bungay	01986	25	42
Caernarvon	01286	22	44
Callandar	01877	30	41
Camelford	01840	28	41
Campbeltown	01586	30	39
Cardigan	01239	15	45
Carmarthen	01267	14	48
Carradale	01583	34	38
Castle Douglas	01556	23	41
Castlebay	01871	34	39
Caterham	01883	12	42
Cemmaes Road	01650	31	42
Cerne Abbas	01300	26	44
Chatteris	01354	16	42
Chepstow	01291	13	47
Chipping Norton	01608	20	42
Church Stretton	01694	27	40
Clitheroe	01200	14	52
Clopton	01832	23	38
Coleshill	01675	21	41
Colonsay	01951	33	42
Corwen	01490	27	39
Coupar Angus	01828	28	40
Craigellachie	01340	29	42
Crediton	01363	19	44
Crieff	01764	28	39
Cromer	01263	16	44
Cumnock	01290	19	46
Dalmally	01838	33	40
Dereham	01362	18	44
Devizes	01380	13	48
Dingwall	01349	27	41
Downham Market	01366	23	41
Driffield	01377	20	44
Dulverton	01398	24	43
Dunbar	01368	25	42
Dunkeld	01350	33	42
Dunoon	01369	24	42
Duns	01361	25	44
Easingwold	01347	24	41
Ebbsfleet	01987	53	26*
Ellon	01358	22	44
Ely	01353	14	43
Fakenham	01328	20	44
Faringdon	01367	19	41
Fishguard	01348	23	41
Forfar	01307	18	45
Forres	01309	25	42
Fort Augustus	01320	31	42
Fort William	01397	19	48

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Fortrose	01381	26	44
Fraserburgh	01346	22	46
Frome	01373	14	46
Gairloch	01445	27	39
Galashiels	01896	23	42
Garstang	01995	23	42
Girvan	01465	24	41
Glastonbury	01458	16	43
Glenborrodale	01972	31	42
Glenurquhart	01456	32	40
Golspie	01408	31	40
Goole	01405	17	44
Grantown-on-Spey	01479	28	39
Great Dunmow	01371	21	43
Gretna	01461	24	39
Guisborough	01287	16	41
Guiseley	01943	12	45
Harris	01859	29	39
Harthill	01501	21	41
Haslemere	01428	15	44
Hathersage	01433	26	42
Haverhill	01440	19	45
Hawick	01450	28	39
Hay-on-Wye	01497	26	42
Heathfield	01435	23	44
Helensburgh	01436	22	43
Helmsdale	01431	34	40
Helmsley	01439	28	39
Holbeach	01406	19	43
Holmes Chapel	01477	24	42
Holsworthy	01409	23	42
Holyhead	01407	21	42
Honington	01400	26	40
Hungerford	01488	13	43
Hunstanton	01485	24	42
Huntly	01466	22	40
Insch	01464	30	40
Inveraray	01499	32	41
Inverurie	01467	25	41
Ipstones	01538	19	41
Isle of Arran	01770	27	38
Isle of Benbecula	01870	35	37
Isle of Mull - Craignure	01680	38	36
Isle of Mull - Fionnphort	01681	42	33
Isle of Mull - Tobermory	01688	35	38
Isle of Skye - Broadford	01471	34	36
Isle of Skye - Edinbane	01470	31	36
Isle of Skye - Portree	01478	34	36
Isles of Scilly	01720	38	35
Keith	01542	23	42
Kelso	01573	25	40
Kilchrenan	01866	33	38

Conserving geographic numbers

Killearn	01360	16	44
Killin	01567	35	38
Killingholme	01469	25	40
Kilmarnock	01563	12	46
Kilmelford	01852	35	35
Kingsbridge	01548	19	39
Kington	01544	27	38
Kingussie	01540	33	39
Kinloch Rannoch	01882	34	40
Kinross	01577	27	41
Kinrossie	01821	31	39
Kirkcudbright	01557	28	38
Kirkwhelpington	01830	30	41
Kirriemuir	01575	30	38
Knighton	01547	28	39
Kyle	01599	30	37
Ladybank	01337	22	43
Laggan	01528	34	40
Lairg	01549	32	39
Lampeter	01570	28	39
Lanark	01555	16	43
Lapworth	01564	17	43
Lauder	01578	31	39
Launceston	01566	25	42
Laurencekirk	01561	32	39
Ledbury	01531	24	41
Leominster	01568	23	39
Lerwick,Foula & Fair Isle	01595	21	38
Leyburn	01969	27	40
Liskeard	01579	24	43
Llanarth	01545	29	40
Llandeilo	01558	28	41
Llandovery	01550	26	41
Llandrindod Wells	01597	26	40
Llandyssul	01559	29	40
Llanelli	01554	18	45
Llanon	01974	25	40
Llanwrtyd Wells	01591	31	40
Lochboisdale	01878	34	38
Lochcarron	01520	31	40
Lochgilphead	01546	26	41
Lochmaddy	01876	33	38
Lochniver	01571	32	38
Lockerbie	01576	29	37
Looe	01503	28	39
Ludlow	01584	18	42
Lybster	01593	34	38
Lydney	01594	19	41
Lymington	01590	23	41
Lynton	01598	35	37
Machynlleth	01654	28	40
Madingley	01954	22	39

Conserving geographic numbers

Maldon	01621	15	42
Mallaig	01687	32	39
Malmesbury	01666	18	40
Malton	01653	23	42
Market Drayton	01630	21	39
Market Harborough	01858	12	46
Market Rasen	01673	24	42
Marlborough	01672	21	38
Martin	01526	24	41
Maud	01771	32	38
Maybole	01655	28	41
Melton Mowbray	01664	12	43
Meriden	01676	24	40
Merthyr Tydfil	01685	16	45
Mid Yell	01957	30	39
Milford Haven	01646	19	42
Minehead	01643	23	42
Moffat	01683	31	41
Monmouth	01600	23	40
Montrose	01674	26	40
Moretonhampstead	01647	22	40
Moscow	01560	29	39
Nairn	01667	29	40
Narberth	01834	25	41
New Galloway	01644	28	41
New Luce	01581	34	36
New Mills	01663	18	42
Newquay	01637	20	46
Newquay	01841	29	39
Newton Abbot	01626	11	44
Newton Stewart	01671	30	40
North Berwick	01620	21	41
North Walsham	01692	23	40
Northallerton	01609	19	42
Oakham	01572	17	43
Oban	01631	20	43
Okehampton	01837	14	40
Oldmeldrum	01651	24	41
Orkney	01856	13	40
Oswestry	01691	12	43
Pakenham	01359	24	42
Peat Inn	01333	19	42
Peebles	01721	25	42
Pencombe	01885	35	34
Penicuik	01968	24	45
Penzance	01736	13	47
Peterhead	01779	24	40
Petersfield	01730	20	40
Pickering	01751	28	38
Pitlochry	01796	29	43
Pocklington	01759	24	39
Port Ellen	01496	30	39

Conserving geographic numbers

Porthmadog	01766	21	42
Prudhoe	01661	20	42
Pulborough	01798	24	41
Pwllheli	01758	26	38
Redruth	01209	11	48
Retford	01777	15	44
Richmond	01748	25	38
Ripon	01765	19	44
Rockbourne	01725	33	37
Romsey	01794	17	42
Ross-on-Wye	01989	23	40
Rothbury	01669	28	41
Rothesay	01700	28	40
Royston	01763	15	41
Rugeley	01889	17	42
Ruthin	01824	26	40
Rye	01797	20	42
Saffron Walden	01799	21	43
Sanday	01857	30	39
Sandwick	01950	31	41
Sandy	01767	17	42
Sanquhar	01659	31	39
Saxmundham	01728	16	43
Scarnish	01879	36	37
Scourie	01971	33	40
Sedgefield	01740	23	38
Selby	01757	19	41
Selkirk	01750	16	39
Settle	01729	26	41
Shaftesbury	01747	20	44
Shap	01931	32	42
Shepton Mallet	01749	13	45
Shetland	01806	28	38
Skegness	01754	24	41
Skipton	01756	18	43
Sleaford	01529	24	39
South Molton	01769	27	40
Spalding	01775	18	44
Spilsby	01790	30	42
St Andrews	01334	14	45
St Boswells	01835	29	38
St Clears	01994	23	43
Stamford	01780	13	46
Stonehaven	01569	27	39
Stowmarket	01449	18	42
Stow-on-the-Wold	01451	21	42
Stranraer	01776	20	44
Strathaven	01357	33	38
Strathpeffer	01997	30	40
Strathy	01641	31	39
Strontian	01967	31	41
Sudbury	01787	11	48

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Swaffham	01760	28	40
Tain	01862	24	39
Tarbert	01880	31	38
Tarporley	01829	18	41
Tavistock	01822	16	46
Temple Cloud	01761	15	43
Thame	01844	14	41
Thetford	01842	16	44
Thirsk	01845	22	40
Thornhill	01848	29	40
Tiverton	01884	13	39
Tomatin	01808	30	41
Tomdoun	01809	33	38
Torrington	01805	28	42
Tranent	01875	22	41
Turriff	01888	30	38
Uckfield	01825	13	43
Ullapool	01854	29	40
Warboys	01487	24	38
Ware	01920	16	41
Wareham	01929	23	40
Warminster	01985	21	43
Watchet	01984	26	42
Welshpool	01938	20	43
Wem	01939	19	45
West Heslerton	01944	27	42
Westerham	01959	16	38
Whatton	01949	18	41
Whitby	01947	23	42
Whitchurch	01948	19	39
Wick	01955	25	41
Wigtown	01988	33	36
Wincanton	01963	16	39
Wisbech	01945	12	45
Witney	01993	17	40
Wormbridge	01981	24	43
Wymondham	01953	17	41

\* Ebbsfleet number blocks allocated since April 2008

## Annex 6

# Legal framework

## Introduction

A6.1 Ofcom regulates the communications sector under the framework established by the Communications Act 2003 (“the Act”). The Act provides, amongst other things in relation to numbering, for the publication of the National Telephone Numbering Plan (“the Plan”) and the setting of General Conditions of Entitlement relating to Telephone Numbers (“Numbering Conditions”). It also sets out statutory procedures governing the modification of the Plan and the giving of directions under conditions such as the Numbering Conditions.

## The Plan

A6.2 Section 56(1) of the Act states that:

"It shall be the duty of OFCOM to publish a document (to be known as "the National Telephone Numbering Plan") setting out-

- a) the numbers that they have determined to be available for allocation by them as telephone numbers;
- b) such restrictions as they consider appropriate on the adoption of numbers available for allocation in accordance with the plan; and
- c) such restrictions as they consider appropriate on the other uses to which numbers available for allocation in accordance with the plan may be put."

A6.3 The Act provides for Ofcom to review and revise the Plan. Section 56(2) states that:

"It shall be OFCOM's duty –

- a) from time to time to review the National Telephone Numbering Plan; and
- b) to make any modification of that plan that they think fit in consequence of such a review; but this duty must be performed in compliance with the requirements, so far as applicable, of section 60."

A6.4 Section 60 of the Act provides for the modification of documents referred to in the Numbering Conditions (which includes the Plan) and explains the procedures to be followed in order to conduct this review. Section 60(2) of the Act provides that:

"OFCOM must not revise or otherwise modify the relevant provisions unless they are satisfied that the revision or modification is -

- a) objectively justifiable in relation to the matters to which it relates;
- b) not such as to discriminate unduly against particular persons or against a particular description of persons;

- c) proportionate to what the modification is intended to achieve; and
- d) in relation to what it is intended to achieve, transparent."

A6.5 Section 60(3) further provides that:

"Before revising or otherwise modifying the relevant provisions, OFCOM must publish a notification -

- a) stating that they are proposing to do so;
- b) specifying the Plan or other document that they are proposing to revise or modify;
- c) setting out the effect of their proposed revisions or modifications;
- d) giving their reasons for making the proposal; and
- e) specifying the period within which representations may be made to OFCOM about their proposal."

### **Ofcom's general duty as to telephone numbering functions**

A6.6 Ofcom has a general duty under section 63(1) of the Act in carrying out its numbering functions

- "a) to secure that what appears to them to be the best use is made of the numbers that are appropriate for use as telephone numbers; and
- b) to encourage efficiency and innovation for that purpose."

### **General duties of Ofcom**

A6.7 The principal duty of Ofcom to be observed in the carrying out of its functions is set out in section 3(1) of the Act as the duty:

- a) to further the interests of citizens in relation to communications matters; and
- b) to further the interests of consumers in relevant markets, where appropriate by promoting competition."

A6.8 As part of the fulfilment of these principal duties, it is Ofcom's responsibility to secure the availability throughout the UK of a wide range of numbering arrangements, having regard to the interests of consumers in respect to choice, price awareness, and consumer protection.

### **Duties for the purpose of fulfilling Community obligations**

A6.9 In addition to its general duties as to telephone numbers, when considering revisions to the Plan, Ofcom must also take into account the six Community requirements in carrying out its functions as set out in section 4 of the Act. These include the requirement to promote competition in the provision of electronic communications

networks and services, as well as the requirement to promote the interests of European citizens.

### **The legal tests**

A6.10 The various legal tests and duties, and how Ofcom has complied with them in consulting on the proposal in this consultation document, are set out in Section 3 of this document.

## Annex 7

# Notification of proposal for a modification to provisions of the Plan under section 60(3) of the Act

1. Ofcom, in accordance with section 60 of the Act, hereby makes the following proposal for a modification to the provisions of the Plan.
2. The Condition has effect by reference to provisions of the Plan.
3. The draft modification to the Plan is set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
4. The reasons for making the proposal and the effect of the modification are set out in the accompanying consultation document.
5. Ofcom considers that the proposed modification complies with the requirements in section 60(2) of the Act.
6. In making the proposal referred to above Ofcom have considered and acted in accordance with the six Community requirements in section 4 of the Act as well as performed their general duties under section 3 of the Act and their duty as to telephone numbering in section 63 of the Act.
7. Representations may be made to Ofcom about the proposal by 5pm on 11 January 2010.
8. Copies of this Notification have been made available to the Secretary of State.
9. In this Notification-

'Act' means the Communications Act 2003;

'Condition' means General Condition 17 of the General Conditions of Entitlement set by the Director by way of publication of a Notification on 22 July 2003;

'Ofcom' means the Office of Communications; and

'Plan' means the National Telephone Numbering Plan published from time to time by Ofcom.

Signed by

DANIEL GORDON  
Competition Policy Director

A person authorised by Ofcom under paragraph 18 of the Schedule to the Office of Communications Act 2002

30 November 2009

## Schedule

'Y' shall be added to the 'Conservation Status' column of the listed Geographic Area Codes in Appendix A of the Plan –

Geographic Area Code	Geographic Area	Conservation Status
01200	Clitheroe	Y
01209	Redruth	Y
01237	Bideford	Y
01239	Cardigan	Y
01241	Arbroath	Y
01250	Blairgowrie	Y
01258	Blandford	Y
01259	Alloa	Y
01261	Banff	Y
01263	Cromer	Y
01267	Carmarthen	Y
01269	Ammanford	Y
01286	Caernarvon	Y
01287	Guisborough	Y
01288	Bude	Y
01289	Berwick-on-Tweed	Y
01290	Cumnock	Y
01291	Chepstow	Y
01300	Cerne Abbas	Y
01301	Arrochar	Y
01307	Forfar	Y
01308	Bridport	Y
01309	Forres	Y
01320	Fort Augustus	Y
01328	Fakenham	Y
01330	Banchory	Y
01333	Peat Inn	Y
01334	St Andrews	Y
01335	Ashbourne	Y
01337	Ladybank	Y
01336	Craigellachie	Y
01341	Barmouth	Y
01346	Fraserburgh	Y
01347	Easingwold	Y
01348	Fishguard	Y
01349	Dingwall	Y
01350	Dunkeld	Y
01353	Ely	Y
01354	Chatteris	Y
01356	Brechin	Y
01357	Strathaven	Y
01358	Ellon	Y
01359	Pakenham	Y
01360	Killearn	Y

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01361	Duns	Y
01362	Dereham	Y
01363	Crediton	Y
01364	Ashburton	Y
01366	Downham Market	Y
01367	Faringdon	Y
01368	Dunbar	Y
01369	Dunoon	Y
01371	Great Dunmow	Y
01373	Frome	Y
01377	Driffield	Y
01380	Devizes	Y
01381	Fortrose	Y
01395	Budleigh Salterton	Y
01397	Fort William	Y
01398	Dulverton	Y
01400	Honington	Y
01405	Goole	Y
01406	Holbeach	Y
01407	Holyhead	Y
01408	Golspie	Y
01409	Holsworthy	Y
01428	Haslemere	Y
01431	Helmsdale	Y
01433	Hathersage	Y
01435	Heathfield	Y
01436	Helensburgh	Y
01439	Helmsley	Y
01440	Haverhill	Y
01445	Gairloch	Y
01449	Stowmarket	Y
01450	Hawick	Y
01451	Stow-on-the-Wold	Y
01456	Glenurquhart	Y
01458	Glastonbury	Y
01461	Gretna	Y
01464	Insch	Y
01465	Girvan	Y
01466	Huntly	Y
01467	Inverurie	Y
01469	Killingholme	Y
01470	Isle of Skye - Edinbane	Y
01471	Isle of Skye - Broadford	Y
01477	Holmes Chapel	Y
01478	Isle of Skye – Portree	Y
01479	Grantown-on-Spey	Y
01485	Hunstanton	Y
01487	Warboys	Y
01488	Hungerford	Y
01490	Corwen	Y
01496	Port Ellen	Y
01497	Hay-on-Wye	Y

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01499	Inveraray	Y
01501	Harthill	Y
01503	Looe	Y
01508	Brooke	Y
01520	Lochcarron	Y
01526	Martin	Y
01528	Laggan	Y
01529	Sleaford	Y
01531	Ledbury	Y
01538	Ipstones	Y
01540	Kingussie	Y
01542	Keith	Y
01544	Kington	Y
01545	Llanarth	Y
01546	Lochgilphead	Y
01547	Knighton	Y
01548	Kingsbridge	Y
01549	Lairg	Y
01550	Llandoverly	Y
01554	Llanelli	Y
01555	Lanark	Y
01556	Castle Douglas	Y
01557	Kirkcudbright	Y
01558	Llandeilo	Y
01559	Llandyssul	Y
01560	Moscow	Y
01561	Laurencekirk	Y
01563	Kilmarnock	Y
01564	Lapworth	Y
01566	Launceston	Y
01567	Killin	Y
01568	Leominster	Y
01569	Stonehaven	Y
01570	Lampeter	Y
01571	Lochinver	Y
01572	Oakham	Y
01573	Kelso	Y
01575	Kirriemuir	Y
01576	Lockerbie	Y
01577	Kinross	Y
01578	Lauder	Y
01579	Liskeard	Y
01581	New Luce	Y
01583	Carradale	Y
01584	Ludlow	Y
01586	Campbeltown	Y
01588	Bishops Castle	Y
01590	Lymington	Y
01591	Llanwrtyd Wells	Y
01593	Lybster	Y
01594	Lydney	Y
01595	Lerwick,Foula & Fair Isle	Y

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01597	Llandrindod Wells	Y
01598	Lynton	Y
01599	Kyle	Y
01600	Monmouth	Y
01608	Chipping Norton	Y
01609	Northallerton	Y
01620	North Berwick	Y
01621	Maldon	Y
01626	Newton Abbot	Y
01630	Market Drayton	Y
01631	Oban	Y
01637	Newquay	Y
01641	Strathy	Y
01643	Minehead	Y
01644	New Galloway	Y
01646	Milford Haven	Y
01647	Moretonhampstead	Y
01650	Cemmaes Road	Y
01651	Oldmeldrum	Y
01652	Brigg	Y
01653	Malton	Y
01654	Machynlleth	Y
01655	Maybole	Y
01659	Sanquhar	Y
01661	Prudhoe	Y
01663	New Mills	Y
01664	Melton Mowbray	Y
01665	Alnwick	Y
01666	Malmesbury	Y
01667	Nairn	Y
01668	Barnburgh	Y
01669	Rothbury	Y
01671	Newton Stewart	Y
01672	Marlborough	Y
01673	Market Rasen	Y
01674	Montrose	Y
01675	Coleshill	Y
01676	Meriden	Y
01677	Bedale	Y
01678	Bala	Y
01680	Isle of Mull - Craignure	Y
01681	Isle of Mull - Fionnphort	Y
01683	Moffat	Y
01685	Merthyr Tydfil	Y
01687	Mallaig	Y
01688	Isle of Mull – Tobermory	Y
01690	Betws-y-Coed	Y
01691	Oswestry	Y
01692	North Walsham	Y
01694	Church Stretton	Y
01700	Rothesay	Y
01720	Isles of Scilly	Y

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01721	Peebles	Y
01725	Rockbourne	Y
01728	Saxmundham	Y
01729	Settle	Y
01730	Petersfield	Y
01736	Penzance	Y
01740	Sedgefield	Y
01746	Bridgnorth	Y
01747	Shaftesbury	Y
01748	Richmond	Y
01749	Shepton Mallet	Y
01750	Selkirk	Y
01751	Pickering	Y
01754	Skegness	Y
01756	Skipton	Y
01757	Selby	Y
01758	Pwllheli	Y
01759	Pocklington	Y
01760	Swaffham	Y
01761	Temple Cloud	Y
01763	Royston	Y
01764	Crieff	Y
01765	Ripon	Y
01766	Porthmadog	Y
01767	Sandy	Y
01769	South Molton	Y
01770	Isle of Arran	Y
01771	Maud	Y
01775	Spalding	Y
01776	Stranraer	Y
01777	Retford	Y
01778	Bourne	Y
01779	Peterhead	Y
01780	Stamford	Y
01787	Sudbury	Y
01790	Spilsby	Y
01794	Romsey	Y
01796	Pitlochry	Y
01797	Rye	Y
01798	Pulborough	Y
01799	Saffron Walden	Y
01805	Torrington	Y
01806	Shetland	Y
01807	Ballindalloch	Y
01808	Tomatin	Y
01809	Tomdoun	Y
01821	Kinrossie	Y
01822	Tavistock	Y
01824	Ruthin	Y
01825	Uckfield	Y
01828	Coupar Angus	Y
01829	Tarporley	Y

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01830	Kirkwhelpington	Y
01832	Clopton	Y
01833	Barnard Castle	Y
01834	Narberth	Y
01835	St Boswells	Y
01837	Okehampton	Y
01838	Dalmally	Y
01840	Camelford	Y
01841	Newquay	Y
01842	Thetford	Y
01844	Thame	Y
01845	Thirsk	Y
01848	Thornhill	Y
01852	Kilmelford	Y
01854	Ullapool	Y
01855	Ballachulish	Y
01856	Orkney	Y
01857	Sanday	Y
01858	Market Harborough	Y
01859	Harris	Y
01862	Tain	Y
01863	Ardgay	Y
01864	Abington	Y
01866	Kilchrenan	Y
01869	Bicester	Y
01870	Isle of Benbecula	Y
01871	Castlebay	Y
01873	Abergavenny	Y
01874	Brecon	Y
01875	Tranent	Y
01876	Lochmaddy	Y
01877	Callandar	Y
01878	Lochboisdale	Y
01879	Scarinish	Y
01880	Tarbert	Y
01882	Kinloch Rannoch	Y
01883	Caterham	Y
01884	Tiverton	Y
01885	Pencombe	Y
01886	Bromyard	Y
01887	Aberfeldy	Y
01888	Turriff	Y
01889	Rugeley	Y
01896	Galashiels	Y
01899	Biggar	Y
01920	Ware	Y
01929	Wareham	Y
01931	Shap	Y
01938	Welshpool	Y
01939	Wem	Y
01943	Guiseley	Y
01944	West Heslerton	Y

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01945	Wisbech	Y
01947	Whitby	Y
01948	Whitchurch	Y
01949	Whatton	Y
01950	Sandwich	Y
01951	Colonsay	Y
01953	Wymondham	Y
01954	Madingley	Y
01955	Wick	Y
01957	Mid Yell	Y
01959	Westerham	Y
01963	Wincanton	Y
01967	Strontian	Y
01968	Penicuik	Y
01969	Leyburn	Y
01970	Aberystwyth	Y
01971	Scourie	Y
01972	Glenborrodale	Y
01974	Llanon	Y
01980	Amesbury	Y
01981	Wormbridge	Y
01982	Builth Wells	Y
01984	Watchet	Y
01985	Warminster	Y
01986	Bungay	Y
01987	Ebbsfleet	Y
01988	Wigtown	Y
01989	Ross-on-Wye	Y
01993	Witney	Y
01994	St Clears	Y
01995	Garstang	Y
01997	Strathpeffer	Y