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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?	<i>Keep nothing confidential</i>
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Question 1: Do respondents have any comments, additional to those made in their responses to the November consultation, on Ofcom's approach and conclusions on market definition as set out in Section 3 of this document?

Question 2: Do respondents have any comments, additional to those made in their responses to the November consultation, on Ofcom's proposed market power findings for the Hull area, Market 1 or Market 2?

Question 3: Do respondents agree with the approach set out by Ofcom for its market power assessment in Market 3 and its conclusion that there is no-SMP?

Question 4: Do respondents have any comments, additional to those made in their response to the November consultation, on Ofcom's proposed regulatory remedies for the Hull area Market 1 or Market 2?

Question 5: Do respondents agree with Ofcom's proposals in relation to providing affected parties with a period of notice prior to the removal of certain SMP services conditions in

Market 3? In particular do respondents agree with the proposed notice period and the proposed SMP service conditions to which the notice period applies?

Additional comments

The Hull Daily Mail newspaper of 23.11.07 states that other suppliers are able to operate in the Hull area but choose not to do so.

My belief is that Ofcom should have a framework in place that treats residents of the Hull area in exactly the same manner as all other parts of the Country.

Packages are advertised nationally to combine telephone, broadband and TV services but they are not available in Hull. The Hull area is denied a cheaper option open to all others. It must be Ofcom's role to sort it out.

A further point, as all broadband traffic in the area is to Karoo, the pressure on contention rates is higher than other areas.

And finally, Kcom owns Eclipse, a national broadband company which operates at more competitive rates than the Hull area Karoo service.