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Dear Mr Mangat,

Variation of UK Broadband's 3.4GHz licence

I write to support your proposal to extend indefinitely the term of UK Broadband's 3.4 GHz spectrum licence. I agree with the reasons set out in your consultation document published on 13 June.

The effectiveness of competition in delivering wide access, innovative services and good value is well understood. I have been disappointed by the failure to secure a more competitive broadband market in recent years. Your proposal strikes me as a helpful step in the right direction for London.

I welcome the entry of new providers to the market, and I have been briefed on the UK Broadband *Relish* service. It is bringing welcome new infrastructure and investment to London, providing coverage in areas poorly served by existing networks and innovating, for example by dispensing with the need for a landline.

New providers can easily be crushed by incumbents, all too eager to head off new competition. The economic certainty offered by your proposal would allow UK Broadband to roll out its network quickly, and I very much hope that it will.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc Andrew Hudson, Director of Spectrum Policy, Ofcom