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Question 1: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal for the 34 Northern Ireland areas listed in Figure 1 to be determined as Conservation Areas? Are there any areas which you think should not have been included in the proposal? If so, please state which areas and for what reasons.:

It makes sense to make these conservation areas. While the 028 range is nominally "028 + 8 digits", the way it is structured means that it's effectively a set of 34 "028xx + 6 digits" codes -- and hence should be treated in the same way as other 4+6 areas (i.e. like 01234)

Question 2: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal to assign an additional two-digit range for local numbers in each of Belfast and Londonderry (028 96 for Belfast and 028 72 for Londonderry) to meet greater demand for numbers in those areas? If not, please explain why?:

Yes, this makes sense.

Ofcom could consider reserving the last remaining "028 9x" code (i.e. 028 98) for future Belfast expansion, so all Belfast numbers would be in the form 9xxx xxxx. (Of course, the inverse is not true; some 028 9x numbers are not Belfast numbers)

Ofcom could also consider stopping further allocations of 02890/02895 and 02871 number blocks *before* those ranges are exhausted, and only issue new blocks in 028 96 and 028 72 (in the same way it started issuing numbers beginning 020 3 in London). This would bring the new number ranges into service sooner rather than later.

Question 3: Do you have any comments on the proposed modifications to the Numbering Plan in Annex 3?:

No comments.