

In response to the Ofcom: Proposed Annual Plan 2019/2020 Consultation issued on 3rd December 2018, OneWeb submits the following response.

OneWeb are a UK Headquartered and licensed global telecommunications provider. OneWeb will provide low latency, high capacity, connectivity solutions to customers through a new generation of low-earth orbit (LEO) satellites that will provide coverage and services all over the world.

OneWeb encourages Ofcom to maintain policies that will not change the UK's openness to foreign direct investment, the UK's open and dynamic economy, or the Government's commitment to deliver its vision of making the UK the world's most innovative economy and the best place in the world to start and grow a space / satellite business.

In particular, we call upon Ofcom to support the UK's satellite and space sector at the up-coming World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC-19) and to support WRC-19 Agenda Items:

- 1.13 - especially in safeguarding the 28GHz Ka-band FSS allocation;
- 7 - Issue A - NGSO build-out milestones; and
- 1.6 – regulatory provisions for non-GSO FSS in V-band

These Agenda Items reinforce and support the important role that satellite-delivered services can bring to providing universal, high quality and secure communication networks. We value Ofcom's commitment to providing policy direction and support that will enable satellite technology to meet these challenges.

In the UK, we would specifically welcome it if Ofcom would open the upper part of the 14 GHz band to ubiquitous NGSO services.

We look to Ofcom to deliver clear guidance and leadership to provide continued effective regulation in close collaboration with European partners and are grateful for invaluable efforts that Chris Woolford has made as Chairman of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) expert group of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT). Likewise, we encourage Ofcom to continue to work with HMG partners to transpose relevant European legislation into UK National Law in a manner that is proportionate and appropriate.

Further, we look to Ofcom to manage and plan future spectrum requirements in a way that will support existing and planned investments in the UK's (and international) satellite communication sector. Satellite has an important role to play in helping the UK deliver its infrastructure and communication needs. We note that the recently-released "Size & Health of the UK Space Industry 2018" report (London Economics, January 2019) puts the commercial communications satellite industry as providing over 53% (over GBP 10M) of the total space-based income in the UK. Ofcom's interrelation with space-based communications is vital.

We recognise that the UK is challenged to meet the broadband and mobile needs and demands of its consumers and businesses and OneWeb's satellite network will be able to help meet these as long as there are consistent and fair market access policies. The UK's Universal Service Commitment needs to recognise and accept that satellite has a role to play to deliver these commitments, and not just to rural and remote communities.

Finally, we welcome the opportunity to participate in Ofcom's proposed stakeholder engagement workshops to develop and refine the UK spectrum strategy and thank Ofcom for the way that it continues to engage and support UK based companies to best provide services to consumers and businesses in the UK.