

## Your response

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<p><b>Question 2.1: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed regulatory approach for regulating postal services over the next 5-year period (2022-2027)? If not, please explain the changes you think should be made, with supporting evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 3.1: Do you agree with our proposed approach to sustainability of the universal service? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? - N</p> <p>The 6 Day UPS plays an important role, together with the related post office network, to the overall community especially in rural and dispersed areas. Whilst competition is normally of benefit to users the impact on the letter service for individuals in a shrinking market has been the opposite. Competition has had little, if any, benefit to individual's outgoing mail but has seen excessive price rises. Since the turn of the century RPI inflation, according to government statistics, it has increased by approximately 90% whereas first class post costs have gone up from 27p to the current 85p, an increase of approximately 215%-, and second-class rates (19p to 66p) by nearly 250%. While obviously not the only reason for volume decline it represents a major factor to many individuals. Such excessive increases in postal rates make the service unsustainable.</p> <p>This significantly contradicts the affordability requirements in your consultation ("Ensuring the affordability of services"). Perhaps those competitors in the bulk letter aspect of the service should make a greater contribution to the UPS to benefit those users who have not seen any appreciable benefit so far and to support the overall sustainability of the service to all users.</p>
<p><b>Question 4.1: Do you agree with our proposal to maintain the historic approach but with the</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>

<p><b>additional requirement on Royal Mail to set and report against a five-year expectation? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	
<p><b>Question 4.2: Do you agree with our proposals in relation to the monitoring and publication of the efficiency expectations prepared by Royal Mail? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence. Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 5.1: Do you agree with our proposed approach of maintaining the current regulatory safeguards of the safeguard cap, high quality of services standards, and requirements on access to universal services? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 5.2: Do you agree with our proposal to not impose further regulatory requirements on Royal Mail in relation to Redirection pricing, following implementation of its improved Concession Redirection scheme? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 5.3: Do you have any further evidence on other issues raised in this section?</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 6.1: Do you agree with our assessment of the parcels market, namely that it is generally working well for consumers, but improvements are needed in relation to complaints handling and meeting disabled consumers' needs? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 6.2: Do you agree with our assessment of the consumer issues in relation</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>

<p><b>to complaints handling and our proposed guidance? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	
<p><b>Question 6.3: Do you agree with our assessment of the issues faced by disabled consumers in relation to parcel services and our proposed new condition to better meet disabled consumers' needs? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 7.1: Do you agree with our proposal not to include tracking facilities within First and Second Class USO services? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 7.2 Do you have any further evidence or views on other issues relating to USO parcels regulation? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 8.1: Do you agree with our proposals on the scope of access regulation? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 8.2: Do you agree with our proposals on access price regulation? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>
<p><b>Question 8.3: Do you agree with our approach and proposals for the non-price terms of</b></p>	<p>Confidential? – Y / N</p>

access regulation? Please substantiate your response with reasons and evidence.

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