

Sirs,

I have been unable to download the document to respond to the consultation on the Modification to the USO.

The assumption that all potential users of PCB have access to mobile phones has been shown to be invalid during the recent storm Arwen in Monymusk.

The loss of mobile signal due to failure of local masts meant that many households did not have access to phones and therefore unable to communicate with family and essential services for nearly 5 days.

Any proposals to remove or modify local PCB must ensure that the replacement can operate for extended periods without power or that a full mobile phone signal access is guaranteed through loss of power events

Best regards

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