



Vodafone Response to Ofcom Consultation:

Ofcom's response to Vodafone's and Telefónica's requests to update the technical conditions of their mobile licences to enable the deployment of newer technologies including 5G



Response

Vodafone welcomes the opportunity to comment on proposed variations to Vodafone and Telefonica's spectrum licences. We are grateful for the diligence that Ofcom has exercised in reviewing the existing licences to both modernise the format and to make them as technology neutral as possible, facilitating the deployment of 5G technologies.

We have reviewed the proposed changes to enable 5G usage, and are comfortable that the revisions achieve the goal while presenting no risk of undue interference to other licensees. We therefore consent to the changes being made at the earliest opportunity.

We have reviewed the changes to both Telefonica's and Vodafone's 2.6GHz licences, to facilitate the removal of the guardband and hence improve efficiency of Telefonica's usage of the band. Once again, we are comfortable with the proposed changes and consent to Vodafone's licence being varied.

Finally, we note the material at paragraphs 8.12-8.13 of the consultation, drawing licensees' attention to ECC Recommendation (21)02. We welcome the publication of this document which relaxes the emissions requirements for indoor small cells in the 3.4GHz band, and therefore wish to formally request that Vodafone's licences are revised to reflect Recommendation (21)02.

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