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| Question 1: Should Ofcom exercise its discretion to consent to the applica- tion to vary the Winchester small- scale multiplex licensed area, with re- gard to the statutory and policy con- siderations set out in this document? | Confidential? – Y / N We support measures to vary the coverage plan if viabil- ity is threatened. However the existing signal should serve the core area, and we believe the signal is severely compromised in the south of Winchester particularly, with the revised plan. OFCOM has also said there is a material loss of coverage, but is mindful to approve it, as the only alternative would be losing the multiplex. Our opinion would be whether the previous users of the mul- tiplex find this loss to be acceptable, particularly those focused on Winchester and also delivering social gain to the city. |
| Question 2: With reference to our im- pact assessment, do you agree with our assessment of the potential im- pacts of approving this application? | Confidential? – Y / N We feel it's not just about changes in population num- ber, but where the population is. The change in our opinion (and this is not an area we have any connection with or interest in) results in a significant loss of cover- age in Winchester, and the gain in Eastleigh doesn't look that usable. We feel contiguous coverage is important, as SSDAB opens up services for easy use in cars. |

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