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Dear Mr Mason

Application for a variation to 3G licences (and consequent proposal to vary draft 2GHz MSS/CGC Base station licences)

I refer to the above consultation published by Ofcom on 5 February 2010.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) notes the mobile operator Vodafone's assessment that variation to the existing licenses as sought will lead to more efficient use of networks, improved coverage and better in-building penetration.

Widespread access to reliable 3G services is essential for the development of Northern Ireland's economy. DETI therefore welcomes this initiative as one which has potential to improve existing 3G coverage which is presently concentrated around Belfast and surrounding areas.

DETI continues to engage with Ofcom in respect of 3G coverage and "not-spot" issues.

Yours sincerely