

Your response

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<p data-bbox="204 495 775 528">Do you have any comments on our proposals?</p>	<p data-bbox="809 495 1382 808">I would like OFCOM to review the cost and governance arrangements of the Postcode Address File which is managed by Royal Mail. The lack of open data availability of this critical data holds back a huge range of forward thinking innovative and infrastructural projects. In most other countries this file is open data, however in the UK is it essentially proprietary and access is restricted.</p> <p data-bbox="809 853 1353 1099">Charging for access to this fundamentally important piece of national infrastructure actively harms innovation in many industries including telecommunications, healthcare, charities, the data and research sector, social care, many aspects of the overall COVID response, and many others.</p> <p data-bbox="809 1144 1385 1384">Open Health Hub CIC would like OFCOM to review the arrangements and consider mandating the data's release on an open data license, which would considerably amplify the data's usefulness and would finally put the UK back on a par with other developed countries in regard the availability of this data.</p> <p data-bbox="809 1429 1385 1704">The loss of approximately £18 million pounds revenue to Royal Mail in regard this change is trivial in comparison to their annual turnover of over £10 billion pounds. And the benefits to business, innovation, and social and public good that will result from finally having open postcode data is incalculably higher than any loss in revenue.</p>