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<p>Question 1: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposed Plan of Work 2024/25?</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>Rivada Space Networks welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the proposed Plan of Work 2024/25 and appreciates Ofcom's dedication to focus on satellite and non-terrestrial networks when enabling network evolution and ensuring access to spectrum with innovative technologies to meet the evolving business and consumers needs across the UK.</p> <p>To Rivada it is important to reiterate the request to include the option to make the 28 GHz band available for user communications with satellite systems, i.e. include the frequencies for uncoordinated and licence exempt usage in combination with an NGSO network licence.</p> <p>We have submitted this view as a Rivada answer to the consultation on "Expanding spectrum access for satellite gateways in the 28 GHz band" in September 2023.</p> <p>Even without an explicit mention under item 2.36 or in the project details under the heading "Enabling innovative satellite communication to support UK consumers and businesses" (on p. 43) of the consulted Plan of Work we expect Ofcom to evaluate and subsequently enable the coexistence of gateways and user terminals in the 28 GHz band. While enabling Earth-to-space communication for gateways is a pragmatic first step, the next step will result in even greater spectrum efficiencies as access for service use will bring far more benefits for UK businesses and citizens than gateway use alone.</p> <p>Rivada continues to share Ofcom's initial assessment that only a limited number of satellite gateways in rural locations can be expected. The gateways can therefore safely coexist and share spectrum with uncoordinated satellite terminals across the entire territory of the UK.</p>

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