

Dear Sir or Madam

I am very concerned in the rise of stealth telephone charges

0845/0870 type numbers should not be allowed as revenue earners.

Any number that charges above the local/nation rate should be a 09 premium rate number.

The idea of 0845 numbers seemed good at the start as they were to be charged as a local call. This is not the case now.

If a company or indeed a government office wishes to use an 0845 number a ordinary national number should be offered as well.

If a new 03 set of numbers are introduce it will only confuse the consumer.

Therefore "Keep it simple" It should be possible to purchase a telephone package that covers 0845/loacal.national numbers as standard and pay for any non standard calls ie 0890 premium numbers by choice.

Please no to confusing stealth charges.

Many thanks

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