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Question 1: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposed Work Plan for 2026/27?	The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance (DSA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on Ofcom's proposed Plan of Work for 2026/27 and broadly supports its strategic direction and priorities. As the leading global advocate for dynamic spectrum access and licence-exempt spectrum policy, the DSA strongly welcomes Ofcom's continued focus on enabling wireless innovation, supporting economic growth, and ensuring efficient use of spectrum across sectors. The DSA particularly welcomes the prominence given to the priority of "Enabling wireless in the UK economy", and Ofcom's recognition of spectrum as a critical enabler of innovation, connectivity and productivity. The Plan of Work appropriately reflects the increasing demand for wireless services from a diverse range of technologies, including Wi-Fi, mobile, satellite and emerging use cases, and the need for flexible and forward-looking spectrum management frameworks. In this context, the DSA strongly supports Ofcom's intention to improve access to the 6 GHz band, including its work on enabling higher-power outdoor Wi-Fi through Automatic Frequency Coordination (AFC). AFC has already been successfully implemented or authorised in several jurisdictions, including the United States and Canada, and provides a proven, technically robust mechanism to protect incumbent services while unlocking significant additional capacity for licence-exempt use. Enabling AFC in lower 6 GHz and further steps towards Wi-Fi in upper 6 GHz in Q2 2026/27 would deliver substantial benefits for enterprise connectivity, public services, regional broadband, and innovation across the UK economy. The DSA also support Ofcom's efforts to extend access for Low Power Indoor (LPI) and Very Low Power (VLP) Wi-Fi in the 6 GHz band. These measures are essential to ensuring that the UK remains at the forefront of digital connectivity, innovation, and spectrum efficiency.

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	LPI has already demonstrated its value in delivering high-capacity indoor connectivity for homes, enterprises, and public services. Extending LPI access into the upper 6 GHz band would unlock additional spectrum capacity, alleviate congestion in existing bands, and enable the full potential of Wi-Fi 6E/7. This expansion would directly benefit enterprise networks, hospitals, schools, and other public institutions that depend on reliable, high-performance indoor connectivity to deliver digital services. VLP is a critical enabler of the next generation of portable and wearable devices. Its ultra-low-power design allows safe operation both indoors and outdoors, supporting innovation in applications such as AR/VR and IoT applications. Authorising VLP across the 6 GHz band would foster new consumer and enterprise use cases from smart manufacturing to connected healthcare, while maintaining appropriate protections for incumbent services. Taken together, LPI and VLP Wi-Fi would deliver substantial benefits for enterprise connectivity, public services, regional broadband, and innovation across the UK economy. These measures would help bridge the digital divide by enabling affordable, high-quality Wi-Fi access in underserved areas, complementing fibre and mobile deployments. They also align closely with the UK's broader digital strategy by supporting competitiveness, sustainability, and inclusive growth. The DSA also welcomes Ofcom's commitment to spectrum sharing, flexible authorisation models, and international engagement, while also supporting its emphasis on evidence-based regulation and stakeholder collaboration. Aligning with global best practice and engaging closely with industry, technology developers, and users of licence-exempt spectrum will be essential to ensure the UK remains competitive, supports global equipment ecosystems, and maximises consumer and economic benefits from wireless technologies. Overall, the DSA considers the proposed Plan of Work for 2026/27 to be well-balanced and forward-looking, and we look forward to continuing to engage constructively with Ofcom to support its objectives of enabling innovation, promoting efficient spectrum use, and making communications work for everyone.

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