

Dear Sirs,

Support for the Vodafone and Three Merger

I am writing to offer my full support for the proposed merger between Vodafone and Three. As the Founder and Non-Executive Director of Onecom, and having worked with Vodafone since the late 1980s, I have witnessed the evolution of the mobile telecommunications industry. Onecom currently manages around 400,000 mobile phones, and we have been privileged to receive Vodafone's Business Partner of the Year award for the last 15 years.

The merger between Vodafone and Three represents a significant opportunity to enhance the UK's telecommunications infrastructure and position the country as a leader in digital innovation. Combining the strengths of both companies will create an organisation with the scale and resources needed to accelerate the nationwide rollout of 5G, ensuring that both consumers and businesses benefit from faster, more reliable services.

From my experience as a Vodafone partner, I believe this merger will provide the necessary momentum for continued investment in new technologies, helping to deliver future-proof solutions across the UK. This will not only support Vodafone's ongoing leadership in the sector but also strengthen competition in the marketplace, ensuring customers receive even greater value and service.

Additionally, the integration of Vodafone's robust network with Three's assets will significantly improve service quality, particularly for Three's customers, who will benefit from increased reliability and better connectivity. This partnership is key to achieving the government's ambitious target for comprehensive 5G coverage, and it will play a critical role in unlocking economic growth and societal benefits for the country.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with the CMA or any other relevant stakeholders, and I will be engaging with my local MPs to stress the importance of this merger for the future of UK telecommunications.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards