

## Unacceptable telecommunications masts (28) – further evidence that the case for masts in Total Not Spots has collapsed

### Description

Further to Nick Kempe's post at the end of March about how satellite technology is rapidly undermining the case for erecting phone masts in Total Not Spots ([see here](#)), it is worth highlighting that Vodafone announced at the end of February ([see here](#)) that they are planning to offer satellite enabled, low data rate calls in the UK from 2026:

*Vodafone is spearheading the introduction of commercial direct-to-smartphone mobile broadband satellite connectivity across Europe later in 2025 and 2026.*

*Vodafone and its partners see satellite connectivity as a complementary, bolt-on technology providing valuable coverage and resilience where no feasible mobile or fixed alternative exists at present such as on mountains or out at sea.*

This was explained further in a Trade Journal article ([see here](#))

*This is essentially a space-based 2G, 4G and 5G mobile broadband service that can connect with regular handsets around the world.*

*The eventual aim is to make this service attractive for regular consumers (we suspect this may form part of a "global roaming" style add-on for mobile plans, at extra cost). Today's agreement thus establishes the framework for Vodafone to offer space-based cellular broadband connectivity in its home markets (e.g. the UK).*

Despite this evidence, planning authorities continue to approve some telecommunications masts in Wild Land Areas – two for April as recorded on the Shared Rural Network Mast Action Group Facebook Page ([see here](#)). There is no longer ANY justification for approving these developments.

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