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Cc: [REDACTED]@rbwm.gov.uk'; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Notes from our meet [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for these and sorry for the delay in replying - have to say impressed with both your memory and the speed you turn these round. I would ask for a few changes to your notes below, don't want to be pedantic but one point missing and a couple would suggest are amended slightly.

Additional point:

* MS asked for evidence as to example of how FRAND licensing has negatively impact open source software implementations. [REDACTED] confirmed that no he knew of no examples from the current consultation but would ask the open source community. MS provided examples of how OSS implementations of FRAND standards in writing and will provide electronically

Amended points:

* On point currently saying "[REDACTED] explained that advice on how best to achieve interoperability....", would suggest: MS asked what evidence [REDACTED] has to show that proposed definition would help them achieve their desired outcomes (interop, economic benefits) given that similar efforts in other countries had not achieved these objectives. [REDACTED] had no evidence but made point that UK gov has right to make choice as intelligent customer. MS is one of many stakeholders, many of whom are on the record as content, some of whom have concerns.

* On point currently saying "On MS asking about the perception of their approach.....", would ask if could be changed as I can't agree as wasn't aware of either and currently investigating. So would prefer: [REDACTED] explained that previous MS attempts to influence policy wrt Open Source had been quite blunt and aggressive (rumours of closing facilities in 2008 etc) . MS were concerned with these allegations and will investigate. It was agreed that a blunt and aggressive approach is certainly not the way forward and both parties agreed to work together openly and constructively.

On the last point I am very concerned by the examples you raised and certainly am investigating. [REDACTED] has been away so haven't been able to speak with him about and in the interests of expediency it would really help me if you could either confirm who sent you the communication at RBWM and also who sent the communication to the Reading MP.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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