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Dear Good Law Project,

We write in response to your letter of 31 October 2025 concerning Ofcom's decisions to not investigate your complaints about 11 programmes broadcast on Talk, which were recorded as "not pursued" and published in the Ofcom Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin on 8 September 2025.

Your letter raised a number of issues which have required careful consideration by Ofcom. In reviewing the decisions in respect of the 11 programmes, we have identified certain aspects which we consider would benefit from further deliberation. These include matters of principle concerning the application of Section Five in the context of long-form discussion programmes of the sort in question here. We also consider this is an area on which broadcasters and the public would benefit from further published guidance on Ofcom's approach.

Therefore, Ofcom has decided, exceptionally, to withdraw the 11 decisions and to consider afresh whether your complaints raise potentially substantive issues under the Broadcasting Code which warrant investigation by Ofcom.

We will therefore carry out new assessments in accordance with Ofcom's [Procedures for investigating breaches of content standards for television and radio](#). The new decisions on whether to investigate or not will be taken by a senior member of Ofcom's executive with appropriate Board-delegated authority who was not previously involved in these cases.

The 11 "not pursued" decisions have now been withdrawn from Ofcom's Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin published on 8 September 2025. We will publish our new decisions, with reasons, in the Bulletin in due course in order to provide guidance to broadcasters and further clarity to the public.

We have today sent copies of our correspondence with you to News UK Broadcasting Limited, which holds the Ofcom licence for the Talk service, for its information.

Yours sincerely,

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