Below text as received by email from Emily Sharpe (Privacy and Public Policy, EMEA –Facebook) on 10th May 2019

Dear Antonella,

Thank you again for your follow up questions. Please find our replies below, and don’t hesitate to let us know if we can provide further clarifications.

Regards,

Emily

1. Are there plans to set the default visibility of these new numbers to "Not visible"?

We believe that a user who’s adding a new number through this flow could reasonably assume that it is being added purely for multi-factor purposes.

Facebook’s response: Indeed, the default visibility of these new numbers is “only me.”

2. Can you confirm that under "Look me up", it is possible for a user to set that to "nobody" against their phone numbers?

We are sure you can see how this is a potential avenue for finding the private accounts of users - for instance, victims of domestic violence - who for whatever reason may add a new non-"public" mobile number through the 2FA flow.

Facebook’s response: We thank you for your feedback regarding this audience setting. While this is not currently possible, we are looking into making changes and would welcome the opportunity for further discussion on this matter.

3. Could you also confirm if there was ever a way to set up a mobile number purely for 2FA/security purposes, or has it always been the case that users can only add a phone number to their profile even when doing so through the 2FA flow?
Facebook’s response: It has always been the case that people can only use a phone number they previously added to their profile for two-factor authentication. Most people use phone numbers they previously added to their account, but we do enable people to add a new phone number to their account from within the flow.