

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACTION GROUP (Registered charity no 1051222)

**RESPONSE TO A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON THE FUTURE USE OF THE
169MHz BAND**

The Telecommunications Action Group (TAG) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the above mentioned document. TAG is a consortium of the main national and regional organisations in the UK for deaf, deafened, deafblind and hard of hearing people which aims to ensure that these customers have access to telephone services and facilities at equivalent cost and with similar ease of use to that enjoyed by hearing people.

TAG fully supports the proposal submitted by PhoneAbility that frequency band 169.4 to 169.8 be reserved specifically for assistive listening devices to help hard of hearing and eaf people. This band also has further potential to help disabled people by remotely activating devices such as listening devices, alarms and alerting equipment.

TAG therefore considers that there is a need to establish a pan-European radio frequency protocol for the benefit of disabled people based on the above mentioned document.

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For and on behalf of TAG