

Reference: 517123

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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information where you asked about Point to Point Radio/Microwave Links.

This was received by Ofcom on 6 February and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

I understand that high rise buildings can potentially block the signals between point to point radio/microwave transmissions. To ensure that this is not the case with the tall buildings proposed for these developments, would it be possible to acquire maps and/or information on the location of all existing point to point wireless links that exist in proximity to the development?

Ofcom regularly publishes the wireless telegraphy register on our Open Data pages containing information about fixed point to point links in Ofcom managed/assigned bands including their location. The wireless telegraphy register can be downloaded from our website, under Spectrum Open Data located at: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/data/opensource>.

Within this data, search for point to point fixed wireless links under “product” as follows:

301010 – Fixed Links

305010 – Self Co-ord Links

Please note that Ofcom does not hold data of all point to point fixed wireless links such as spectrum that has been awarded or is assigned by the Ministry of Defence.

If you have any queries, then please contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Jerin John

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact:

Steve Gettings
The Secretary to the Corporation
Ofcom
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9HA

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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