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RESPONSE TO THE LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES
AND PARALYMPIC GAMES CONSULTATION

PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT SPECTRUM PLAN FOR THE LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

As a member of the Spectrum Planning Group for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games (SPGOG), the CAA has been allowed appropriate input and participation in the development of the spectrum plan for the 2012 Games. As a consequence of this involvement the CAA is content with the proposals made in the consultation document.

The CAA is the UK's specialist aviation regulator, with regulatory activities that include ensuring appropriate radio spectrum allocations are made in order to facilitate the provision of safety of life services. Notwithstanding the predicted large increase in demand on the CAA for aeronautical spectrum during the 2012 Olympic Games, the CAA expects, as detailed in the consultation document, to be able to allow limited, coordinated sharing in the 10cm radar band with non aviation users.

Efficient sharing and coordination of spectrum use between Games and non-Games users is key to ensuring that the anticipated unprecedented demand is to be met during the 2012 Games. Utmost confidence is therefore required between the licensing authority and shared spectrum user groups that the appropriate monitoring and enforcement of terms and conditions are applied. In the particular case of the CAA, there is the need for confidence in the Games licensing authority's ability to ensure protection of safety of life services by acting quickly and appropriately in cases of interference.

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Enclosures:

1. Cover Sheet for response to the Ofcom consultation.