

BBC London Regional News Response to London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Draft Spectrum Plan

BBC London regional news is concerned about how Ofcom's proposals would affect News Gathering ability and usage of the 2 GHz band exclusively for on-site radio cameras. Use is made of 2.055 GHz (high power) and 2.235 radio camera extensively in the Greater London area for local News Gathering and satellite use is not possible in many parts of London due to high buildings and exclusion zones. BBC London regional news says that these concerns may also be of interest to ITN and SKY News as they operate similar systems within London.

In addition, BBC London regional news says that there is scope for maximising supply by re-using the spectrum at 2.450 GHz to 2.6 GHz at the Olympic site as a temporary measure as this would be less disruptive to users of the 2GHz to 2.3GHz band. They also say that 2.45GHz -2.6GHz would be preferred for wireless cameras.