

Freedom of Information: Right to know request

"I am performing an RF ignition study at a chemical plant in the Trafford area of Manchester.

For this, I require the location and specifics of every RF transmitter in the vicinity. This includes mobile telephone masts, TV and radio transmitters.

Since the closure of Sitefinder, this has become increasingly difficult.

I am requesting the information on the location, height, type of transmission, frequency and EIRP output power of the above transmitters in the area."

For cellular mobile telephony Ofcom has developed a Mobile & Broadband Coverage

Checker<<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/advice/ofcom-checker>> tool which is available online or as a downloadable mobile app, using signal level predictions provided by the four UK mobile network operators to provide an indicator of likely voice/3G/4G availability.

Spectrum is assigned in blocks to mobile operators, whose details and frequency information are published at uk-cellular-operators<<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/radiocommunication-licences/mobile-wireless-broadband/uk-cellular-operators>>. Operators self-plan their networks within their allocated spectrum blocks and transmitter and site location information is not supplied to Ofcom.

I hope this helps to explain the fact that the information on masts and transmitters is no longer held by Ofcom and gives you some assistance in locating it.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF