

I am concerned about the proposed notification of alleged infringement letters to be sent to subscribers. I was sent a letter in 2008/9 by Sky and the BMI that (sort of) implied I had infringed, but I had never heard of the filename they specified (and buy my music), and then found when I contacted Sky to ask about their poorly written letter, that nobody could give me a clear statement about what they were accusing me of (the letter was poorly written and didn't actually say what I did with the file in question, or give any technical info that could have helped identify any incident). I am worried that on past experience with all major ISPs, that any future system will suffer from the same level of inaccuracy and will have inadequate provisions for enquiries or appeals.

I am also concerned about the plans for open WiFi. I think it is important that not only organisations (libraries and cafes etc) but also individuals should retain the right to share their service with their local community (where their contract allows), or in cases such as one-off events, without the chilling effect that regulation will bring. Over-regulation of networking will have a bad effect on innovation and education, and a bad effect on local community services, and needs to be properly balanced.