

In a liberal democracy of the 21st century, people are innocent until proven guilty, yet having a £20 appeal fee essentially changes consumer's right to presumptive guilt unless they can prove their innocence.

Furthermore an IP address does not identify an individual, therefore in the event of unsecured wifi, someone could be wrongly accused of copyright infringement. Also as in recent cases, particularly regarding ACS Law and the individuals whom they accused of copyright infringement, an IP Address is sometimes simply not identified correctly, thus innocent people are accused and yet they still have to pay a £20 appeal fee. An appeal fee could also put off low income persons from appeal.