

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to express the following points in relation to the current consultation on the 4G spectrum (800 MHz & 2.6 GHz spectrum bands) being undertaken by Ofcom:

At least 1 of the 800 MHz licences should carry an obligation to ensure that 98% of the UK population is covered (preferably 2 so that competition can take place and not leave 1 only having to face this obligation). This obligation should be further broken down in that each of the regions should have a minimum of population coverage of 95% - thus Wales would have a minimum of 95% population coverage by at least one licence holder.

No licence holder should be allowed to exploit its monopoly in a region if you only ask for 1 licence holder to meet that obligation.

Roaming should be available in all areas, especially rural areas, by all operators – as we see in many areas of Europe.

A time limit be placed upon licence holders to meet its obligations of delivering for the people, especially any holding the licence with the obligation to cover 98% of the population, and if they fail to meet that time limit then the licence holder should have the licence removed and that licence is re-advertised. Using a rugby term – use it or lose it.

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