

Firstly It is essential that the award of 800 MHz and 2.6 GHz spectrum is framed within the context of devolution and that Ofcom's auction processes reflect the geography of Wales, its needs and aspirations.

It is imperative that at least 95% of Wales is covered and that neither valley or rural communities are left out across Wales.

I support the proposal in the revised consultation paper to include a more extensive coverage obligation of 98% of the UK population on at least one of the 800 MHz licences but would prefer this to be for at least two suppliers to allow competition to stop a monopoly position occurring.

Now that all the technical issues have been resolved, it is now appropriate that roaming should be mandatory in all rural and valley areas for all operators, not only those with coverage obligations.

Mandating roaming or mast sharing would enhance price competition and increase coverage. I believe you should impose a 'use it or lose it' clauses to prevent spectrum hoarding

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