

Cover sheet for response to an Ofcom consultation

BASIC DETAILS

Consultation title: Award of available spectrum: 1785 - 1805 MHz

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Dear Mr Jones,

Award of available spectrum: 1785 - 1805 MHz

Mobile200 is a group of companies who have a vested interest in the auction/release of the GSM/DECT Guard band (1781.7-1785 MHz paired with 1876.7-1880 MHz). Mobile200's primary aim will be to prepare for the coordinated use and self-regulation of the spectrum band.

Mobile200 welcomes ComReg's and Ofcom's proposals as outlined in the consultation document with the following as specific comments on the questions raised:

Q.1 Do stakeholders agree with these proposals for the award of this band or have any other comments on the contents of this document?

Mobile200 generally agree with the proposed release of this spectrum.

Q.2 What are your views on the proposal to discontinue the use of the 1785-1800MHz band by radio microphones and 1795-1800 MHz by wireless audio devices on a licence exempt basis?

Mobile200 has looked into the same band within Great Britain and has found very little take up of the band and more importantly, very few devices that make the band an economical proposition.

Q3 What are your views on the proposal to limit the number of licences to one for Ireland and one for Northern Ireland?

Mobile200 does not have any specific comment to make on this proposal, although coordination will be simpler.

Q.4 What are your views on the proposed limit of 56 dBm/MHz EIRP maximum radiated power that may be used in the Spectrum Band?

Mobile200 does not have any specific comment to make on this proposal except that it seems fair and reasonable, given the restrictions at the band edges.

Q.5 Do you think that the methods, limits and approach to a threshold for coordination proposed above are appropriate? If not, what measures do you think would be appropriate?

Mobile200 believes that the methods, limits and approach are appropriate so long as Ofcom and ComReg take ultimate responsibility for the licence holder abiding by the licence conditions, especially in regard to the out of band emissions as this band is adjacent to the soon to be released 1781.7-1785MHz band.

Yours sincerely,

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