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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for further information about MBNL radio equipment on certain sites, for which you have provided postcodes and addresses on 21 February 2025.

We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (the “EIR”).

### Your request

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This request is a follow up to previous FOI responses we have provided to your client, AP Wireless, on 30 April and 16 July 2024. This request asks us *whether MBNL has equipment listed at any of the following sites:*

- *Crownland Hall Farm, Crownland Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 3BU*
- *Chase Farm, Bramshott Chase, Hindhead, Surrey, Hampshire, GU26 6DG*
- *Mumsford Farm, Mumsford Lane, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, SL9 8TQ*
- *Manor Farm, Bathpool, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 8DA*
- *Model Farm, Langleybury Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, WD4 8RL*
- *Bradley Wood Estate Farm, Newbury Road, Whitchurch, Hampshire, RG28 7PW*
- *Saddleworth Golf Club, Mountain Ash, Ladcastle Road, Uppermill, Oldham, Greater Manchester, OL3 6LT*
- *Kingsthorpe Golf Club, End of First Fairway, Kingsthorpe Golf Club, Kingsley Road, West Northamptonshire, NN2 7BU*
- *Edgemead Close, Unit 2 Edgemead Close, We Sell Tyres, Northampton, West Northamptonshire, NN3 8RG*
- *Greenmount Golf Club, Greenhalgh Fold, Bury, Greater Manchester, BL8 4LH*
- *Rotherwas, WBS Rotherwas 211893, Wyvern Business Systems, Netherwood, Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 6JJ*

### Our response

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As we set out in our response to your previous request, Ofcom offers two different types of licence, which authorise the licensee to deploy fixed links:

- “**block assigned**” licences, which authorise the licensee to deploy as many links or base stations as it wishes within the specified frequencies, and
- “**point to point**” fixed link licences, which authorise use of an individual fixed link between base stations in specified locations. Information about all of the point to point

fixed link licences Ofcom has issued is publicly available on Ofcom’s website, in the Wireless Telegraphy Register, which is available here (note column ‘AJ’ shows the licensee name).

### Block assigned licences

MBNL holds “block assigned” licences authorising use of spectrum in the 10 GHz, 32 GHz and 40 GHz bands. These licences include a power for Ofcom to request information from MBNL about its deployments, including their locations. We do not routinely request this information, however, in relation to this licence, we have requested information about MBNL’s fixed links on the following occasions:

- In August 2021, we requested information about MBNL’s fixed links (including their locations) which use the 10, 32 and 40 GHz bands; and
- In May 2023, we requested updated data about MBNL’s fixed links which use the 40 GHz band.

We therefore note that we do not hold accurate and up to date information about all of MBNL’s fixed links.

However, we have considered your request in relation to the information we do hold about MBNL’s use of its block assigned licences, and we have identified that MBNL have installed radio equipment around 7 of the sites specified, as shown in the table below.

AP Wireless site name	MBNL site likely co-located?
Crownland Hall Farm	Yes
Chase Farm	No
Mumsford Farm	Yes
Manor Farm	Yes
Model Farm	Yes
Bradley Wood	No
Saddleworth Golf Club	No
Kingsthorpe Golf Club	Yes
Edgemoor Close	No
Greenmount Golf Club	Yes
Rotherwas WBS	Yes

We note that you have provided only the name and address of the site to which the request relates – and some of these sites are in locations where a single postcode can cover a large area. We have therefore converted the postcodes you provided into latitude and longitude coordinates which we can compare with the information we hold about MBNL’s sites. However, as this entails turning an area (a postcode) into a point (a set of coordinates) we have had to apply some judgment. We are confident that at the time we previously requested information from MBNL, there was no MBNL equipment at the sites listed as not having MBNL equipment present, but we cannot be 100% confident that MBNL equipment has been installed at all the sites marked as “Yes”.

Please note that MBNL have consented to us disclosing this information.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) – quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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### **Request an internal review**

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress.

Please email the Information Requests team ([information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk)) to request an internal review.

### **Taking it further**

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).