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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?

Keep nothing confidential

Question 1: Are there any reasonable grounds why Ofcom should not grant the request to vary the five Wireless Telegraphy Third Generation Mobile Licences by increasing the permitted maximum in-band EIRP to 68dBm as soon as practicable? If so, please explain your reasoning for this:

Stockton Borough Council's policy on mobile phone masts is to follow the advice and guidance of the Health Protection Agency. We therefore accept that the proposed increase in power of 3G mobile phone masts will have very little impact on compliance with the existing accepted ICNIRP standards and that potential adverse affects on health are minimal.

However, there is growing public concern with regard to potential biological effects that may occur at levels significantly below the ICNIRP standards. Whilst there is, as yet, no conclusive evidence of such affects, this is not the perception of some concerned parents. Here in Stockton one group Precautionary Approach to Microwave Technology (PAMT) have expressed strong beliefs regarding the health risks of mobile phone masts in general and a Vodaphone mast near Hartburn Primary School in particular.

Stockton Borough Council believe a precautionary approach should be followed with regard to this proposal and the benefits of increasing power levels be balanced against any potential health affects wether actual or percieved. In effect we are asking wether the benefits to the general public outweigh the health concerns.

We cannot see any consideration of this within the consultation nor any input from the Health Protection Agency that may allay our concerns.

Question 2: Are there any reasonable grounds why Ofcom should not also apply the increased permitted maximum in-band EIRP to future 2 GHz MSS/CGC licences? If so, please explain your reasoning for this: