



**BT Response to the Ofcom Consultation on  
Spectrum Planning for the London 2012 Olympic Games and  
Paralympic Games**

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BT is grateful for the opportunity to comment on Ofcom's thinking and plans for determining spectrum use for the London Olympics in 2012. We understand your purpose to have been predominantly to indicate how you plan to move forward with this process and to offer the opportunity and encouragement to stakeholders with specific views or ideas which they would like to be taken into account, to make early contact with Ofcom in order to discuss.

We understand your view that it is too early for the main stakeholders to clearly identify their needs and that it will be more appropriate to move to more concrete proposals after the Beijing Olympics. From our perspective this seems rational and we have no specific issues which we believe would need to be dealt with ahead of this timeframe. We note the high level categories of spectrum use which you expect to see, indicating that the wireless cameras for broadcasting seems likely to you to be the most spectrum hungry. We have no reason to disagree with that at this stage and agree with your implied position that it could be one of the most significant challenges to be faced.

We note your comment that the opportunity cost for spectrum use in and around London is particularly high under "normal" circumstances and we are, as ever willing to work with you in the future both to identify, and as far as possible and reasonable, to implement any greater efficiencies which may be deemed desirable or necessary to facilitate this event.

It is helpful to have your confirmation of the extent of the Government commitment to provide free spectrum, which was made as part of the winning bid as indicated at 2.11 to 2.13. To be clear we take this as confirmation that the commitment DOES NOT apply to other users – referred to as support groups - which would include not only public telecommunication operators like BT, including both fixed and mobile operators but also security services, transport services etc.

With reference to your Q 22. *Do any public support services have spectrum requirements that cannot be met through existing allocation and assignment processes.* BT believes that many of the support services are also likely to be under more, not less, pressure for the duration of the games and while it may be unnecessary in most cases to seek further spectrum allocations for the period, we believe that this will need to be taken into account as greater efficiencies are looked for in order to resource the Games commitment.

We look forward to engaging more closely with you as plans begin to firm up after the Beijing Games and during the run up to the London 2012 Olympics.