

Question 1: Have all the possible victims of interference been correctly identified and quantified as far as possible?:

Question 2: Have the costs and benefits been correctly captured? In particular, are the costs of interference to WLANs appropriately assessed?:

Question 3: Are there any other mechanisms that could be used to restrict device operation to appropriate areas? Of the schemes set out which should be preferred?:

Question 4: Should we move from specifying radiated power to specifying conducted power?:

Question 5: For 2.4GHz which of these options do you favour? Are there other viable options that should be considered? Or should regulations be left unchanged?:

Question 6: For 5GHz should Ofcom increase the power to 4W EIRP at 5.8GHz in accordance with ECC Recommendation and as set out in the draft IR2007? Should Ofcom open the database for public access to facilitate coordination?:

Additional comments: ntl:Telewest does not support the proposal to increase the power allowed for the licence exempt band intended for WiFi broadband services for the following reasons:

1. There is an increased likelihood of interference to systems already established for public and private use.
2. The proposed increase is too small to provide a significant increase in coverage.
3. Broadband service data rates are increasing at such a rate that the benefit from increased power will be short term only.
4. Other wire and wireless technologies are already providing greater reach for broadband data using existing infrastructures.

ntl:Telewest recognises that in other regulatory environments higher power equipment is allowed and that, as they are easily portable, they may be imported. While it is difficult to police such illegal use that is not regarded in itself as a justification for any relaxation of the regulations.

It is also acknowledged that a price argument may be made on the basis that the UK may fall outside a global regulatory approach and therefore require UK specific hardware. As this is the existing situation and equipment prices are already at commodity levels this is not regarded