

Economics of Spectrum in the Context of 5G

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How to get the most out of a limited natural resource?







Ensuring the optimal use of radio spectrum

"Making communications work for everyone"

- Ofcom is required to
 - further the interests of citizens and consumers in relation to communications
 - Ensure optimal use of spectrum
- Use not revenues
- Design authorisation as appropriate
 - Geographic nature of use
 - Power / indoor / outdoor
 - Supply versus demand







5G is expected to enable new use cases beyond enhanced mobile broadband



A range of bands to support a wide range of applications





Large scale events Thousands of users Vehicle communications Transport infrastructure Environmental monitoring & Smart cities

Transport & infrastructure Improved residential connections, Smart energy



We are making spectrum available to meet increasing and varied demand





National licences and national coverage

- 4G auction (2013) obligation to cover 98% of premises
- Good coverage where people live and work, but gaps in coverage of UK landmass.
- 5G auction doesn't include coverage obligation as government agreement with MNOs on a shared rural network.
- Means each operator will deliver 90% geographic (land mass) coverage by 2026.
- Ofcom has implemented this via licence variations with a detailed compliance methodology.





Local access to spectrum: important role in encouraging innovation and improving coverage







Thank you

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