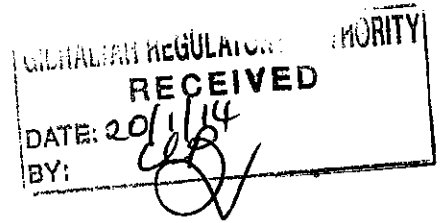


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Dear Sirs

PUBLIC CONSULTATION 4G MOBILE BANDS

I write in respect of the recent consultation document you have issued on the provision of 4G services for Gibraltar

It was my understanding that there was a moratorium on all new Mobile masts within Gibraltar and that planning permission would not be granted for any new installations pending a thorough review by the government of the provision of mobile services. I also understood that the current operators were required to come up with proposals to keep masts away from residential areas.

I find it hard to reconcile the current moratorium (if it is still in place) on new masts with the above consultation document.

Clearly there will have to be at least a third more sites to accommodate the desired new operator and then there will be an additional increase in aerials and associated radiation as all the operators scale up to include 4G.

Without a "joined up" approach it may well be back to masts popping up everywhere as operators try to get complete coverage which in fact they are mandated to do by their licences (as the consultation document makes clear) and in order to "out cover" each other.

Clearly Gibraltar is trying to remain competitive with other states in the provision of these services and it is all done (as it is elsewhere) under the "cover" of being within the hopelessly outdated ICNIRP guidelines.

I had felt that Gibraltar was taking the recommended precautionary principle in respect of this seriously, bearing in mind the increasing evidence pertaining to the dangers of microwave radiation, and was adopting a very cautious approach. However I see nothing in this consultation which leads me to believe that this continues to be the case.

I would be grateful if you could update me on the moratorium, what conclusions were reached from the consultation and how you intend to limit the public's exposure to direct radiation from mobile masts going forward.

Best regards



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