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- Sites previously scheduled on 18 July will occur on 19 July

Trade and Industry Information

700MHz Clearance Events

Meridian Region

Following a decision by Ofcom, spectrum in the 700MHz UHF band currently used for digital terrestrial television (DTT) is being reallocated for the development of future mobile services. Some DTT multiplexes will be moving to new broadcast frequencies as a result of this change.

Engineering work for the 700MHz Clearance Programme will take place at transmitters across the UK between 2017 - 2020. Freeview viewers (and those with other services that use Freeview channels, such as YouView) will need to retune their TV equipment when changes take place in their area. This document lists the currently announced clearance events for the Meridian region and will be updated as new information is released. The latest version will always be available to download at www.digitaluk.co.uk/clearance. Details of the changes to transmitters will also be reflected on our coverage checker at digitaluk.co.uk/coveragechecker.

Note: Where multiplexes are moving we have included the current and future aerial group required to receive Freeview services. Digital UK recommends installers fitting new aerials use a wideband model where possible to accommodate future changes to broadcast frequencies.

Q2 2018

18 April 2018

Hannington – main station and some relay stations

Salisbury – main station only

2 May 2018

Salisbury – main station only

Rowridge – main station and some relay stations

Q3 2018

19 July 2018

Bluebell Hill – main station and some relay stations

Hastings – Hastings Old Town relay only

Heathfield – main station and some relay stations

Tunbridge Wells – main station and some relay stations

Whitehawk Hill – Patcham relay only

Previous Events

Q1 2018

14 March 2018

Whitehawk Hill – main station and main station filler

21 March 2018

Dover – main station only

Midhurst – main station and some relay stations

Rowridge – main station only

18 April 2018

The HANNINGTON transmitter group, serving parts of Hampshire, Berkshire and Surrey

Hannington

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
B	T	Current	45	42	39+	41	44	47
		18.04.18	45	42	39	40	43	46

	RF Channel			
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1	LOC2
Current	32	34	51	29
18.04.18	55	56	32	34

Power change: the ERP will change from 2kW to 5kW for LOC1

Alton

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	57	60	53
		18.04.18	41	44	47

Power change: the ERP will change from 2W to 5W for all multiplexes

Chisbury

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	50	59	55
		18.04.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

Hemdean VP & HP

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	K	Current	52	46	48
		18.04.18	33	36	48

Power change: None

Lambourn

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	49	58	54
		18.04.18	32	34	35

Power change: None

The Bournes

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	57	60	53
		18.04.18	33	34	36

Power change: None

Tidworth

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
A	A	Current	29	26	23
		18.04.18	30	26	23

Power change: None

18 April 2018

The SALISBURY transmitter, serving the Salisbury area

Salisbury – further changes to occur on 2 May 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	K	Current	57	60-	53	50	59-	55
		18.04.18	57	60-	53	50	59-	37

	RF Channel
	LOC1
Current	51
18.04.18	51

Power change: None

2 May 2018

The ROWRIDGE transmitter group, serving Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, parts of Dorset, Wiltshire and West Sussex

Rowridge – change also occurred on 21 March 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
A	T	Current	24	27	21+	25	22+	28
		02.05.18	24	27	21+	25	22+	28

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1
Current	31	56	37
02.05.18	55	56	37

Power change: None

Brading

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	49	46	43
		02.05.18	40	46	43

Power change: None

Canford Heath

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	45	46	42
		02.05.18	45	39	42

Power change: None

Cheselbourne

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	57	53	60
		02.05.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Horndean

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
E	B	Current	56	50	40
		02.05.18	43	46	40

Power change: None

Luccombe

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	54	59	50
		02.05.18	30	31	37

Power change: None

Lulworth

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	50	59	55
		02.05.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

Luscombe Valley

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	45	46	42
		02.05.18	45	39	42

Power change: None

Millbrook VP & HP

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	44	41	47
		02.05.18	40	43	46

Power change: VP - the ERP will change from 8W to 16W for all multiplexes.

HP - the ERP will change from 1W to 2W for all multiplexes.

Poole

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	57	60	53
		02.05.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Shrewton

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	44	41	47
		02.05.18	40	43	46

Power change: None

Sutton Row

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
A	A	Current	29	23	26
		02.05.18	30	23	26

Power change: None

Westbourne

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	A	Current	44	41	47
		02.05.18	32	34	35

Power change: None

2 May 2018

The SALISBURY transmitter, serving the Salisbury area

Salisbury – change also occurred on 18 April 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	K	Current	57	60-	53	50	59-	37
		02.05.18	41	44	47	29	31	37

	RF Channel
	LOC1
Current	51
02.05.18	23

Power change: None

19 July 2018 (previously scheduled on 18 July)

The BLUEBELL HILL transmitter, serving north and mid Kent

Bluebell Hill

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
E	T	Current	46	43	40+	45	39+	54
		18.07.18	32	34	45	40	43	46

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1
Current	32	34	27
18.07.18	55	56	21

Power change: None

Chatham Town

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	57	58	52
		18.07.18	35	39	42

Power change: None

Farleigh

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	56	50	53
		18.07.18	36	42	48

Power change: None

19 July 2018 (previously scheduled on 18 July)

The HASTINGS transmitter, serving the Hastings area

Hastings Old Town

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	50	59	55
		18.07.18	36	39	48

Power change: None

19 July 2018 (previously scheduled on 18 July)

The HEATHFIELD transmitter, serving much of East Sussex and south west Kent

Heathfield

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
B	B	Current	52	49	47	42	44	41
		18.07.18	41	44	47	40	43	46

Power change: None

Bexhill

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	K	Current	46-	40	43
		18.07.18	33	36	48

Power change: None

East Dean

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	59	55	50
		18.07.18	35	39	48

Power change: None

Eastbourne

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
A	A	Current	26	30-	23	n/a	n/a	n/a
		18.07.18	26	30-	23	21	24	27

Power change: COM4-6 will launch at an ERP of 200W

Eastbourne Old Town

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	K	Current	46	40	43
		18.07.18	33	36	48

Power change: None

Haywards Heath

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	45-	46-	43
		18.07.18	37	39	42

Power change: None

Hollington Park

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	50	59	55
		18.07.18	35	37	39

Power change: None

Lamberhurst

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	60	54	57
		18.07.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

Newhaven

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	A	Current	50	43	40
		18.07.18	23	26	30

Power change: None

19 July 2018 (previously scheduled on 18 July)

The TUNBRIDGE WELLS transmitter, serving the Tunbridge Wells area

Tunbridge Wells

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
B	K	Current	52	49	47	42	44	41
		18.07.18	41	44	47	29	31	37

	RF Channel
	LOC1
Current	48
18.07.18	39

Power change: None

St Marks HP & VP

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	K	Current	57	60	53
		18.07.18	32	34	45

Power change: None

19 July 2018 (previously scheduled on 18 July)

The WHITEHAWK HILL transmitter group, serving the Brighton area

Patcham

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	A	Current	43	50	46
		18.07.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

14 March 2018

The WHITEHAWK HILL transmitter group, serving the Brighton area

Whitehawk Hill – further changes to occur in Q4 2019

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	K	Current	60-	53	51	57	56	48
		14.03.18	60-	53	51	33	57	32

	RF Channel
	LOC1
Current	54
14.03.18	54

Power change: None

Whitehawk Hill Filler – further changes to occur in Q4 2019

	RF Channel		
	PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
Current	60-	35	36
14.03.18	48	35	36

Power change: None

21 March 2018

The DOVER transmitter group, serving south and east Kent, and parts of East Sussex

Dover – further changes to occur in Q3 2019

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	K	Current	50	51	53	55	59	48
		21.03.18	50	51	53	35	59	48

Power change: None

21 March 2018

The MIDHURST transmitter group, serving much of West Sussex

Midhurst – further changes to occur in Q4 2019

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	K	Current	55	56	58	54	59	50
		21.03.18	48	54	58	33	59	29

Power change: None

Haslemere – further changes to occur in Q4 2019

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
A	K	Current	28	22	25	n/a	n/a	n/a
		21.03.18	28	22	25	33	34	29

Power change: the ERP for COM4, COM5, and COM6 will be 10W

21 March 2018

The ROWRIDGE transmitter group, serving Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, parts of Dorset, Wiltshire and West Sussex

Rowridge – further changes to occur on 2 May 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
A	T	Current	24	27	21+	25	22+	28
		21.03.18	24	27	21+	25	22+	28

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1
Current	31	37	29
21.03.18	31	56	37

Power change: None