

Trade and Industry Information

700MHz Clearance Events

Central 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 Central region and will be updated as new information is released.

Details of the changes to transmitters will also be reflected on our coverage checker at www.freeview.co.uk/help.

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.

2020

4 March 2020

Waltham – main station and some relay stations

Nottingham – main station only

Previous Events

Q4 2019

30 October 2019

Sutton Coldfield – main station only

Q1 2018

7 February 2018

Waltham – main station only

27 February 2018

Oxford – main station only

The Wrekin – some relay stations only

1 March 2018

Brierley Hill – main station only

Malvern – main station only

Ridge Hill – main station and some relay stations

Sutton Coldfield – Worcester Elbury Reservoir relay only

7 March 2018

Brierley Hill – main station only

Bromsgrove – main station only

Fenton – main station only

Lark Stoke – main station only

Malvern – main station only

Sutton Coldfield – main station and some relay stations

Waltham – some relay stations only

Q2 2018

23 May 2018

Oxford – main station and some relay stations

Q4 2018

31 October 2018

Ridge Hill – some relay stations only

Sutton Coldfield – Hartington and Kidderminster relays only

4 March 2020

The WALTHAM transmitter group, serving much of the east Midlands

Waltham – changes also occurred in 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
T	T	Current	49	54-	58	29	37	57
		04.03.20	32	34	35	29	37	31

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1
Current	31	56	26
07.02.18	55	56	41

Power change: COM7 change from 10.2kW to 11.8kW ERP. LOC1 change from 5kW to 2 kW ERP

Ashford in the Water

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
A	K	Current	23	26	30
		04.03.20	33	36	48

Power change: None

Belper - change also occurred in 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
C/D	K	Current	59	50	36
		04.03.20	33	48	36

Power change: None

Bolehill

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
C/D	B	Current	53	57	60
		04.03.20	41	44	47

Power change: None

Derby (Uttoxeter Road)

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
C/D	K	Current	48	51	52
		04.03.20	48	33	36

Power change: None

Eastwood

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
C/D	C/D	Current	23	26	30-
		04.03.20	23	26	30

Power change: None

Little Eaton

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	23	26	30-
		04.03.20	23	26	30

Power change: None

Matlock

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	24	27	21+
		04.03.20	24	27	21

Parwich

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	24	27	21+
		04.03.20	24	27	21

Stanton Moor

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	A	Current	59	50	55
		04.03.20	23	26	30

Power change: None

4 March 2020

The NOTTINGHAM transmitter, serving the Nottingham area

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
T	T	Current	27	24	21+	51	52	48
		04.03.20	27	24	21	33	36	48

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1
Current	-	-	50
07.02.18	-	-	44

Power change: None

30 October 2019

The SUTTON COLDFIELD transmitter group, serving much of the west Midlands

Sutton Coldfield - changes also occurred on 7 March 2018.

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
B	E	Current	43	46	40+	42	45	39+
		30.10.19	43	46	40+	42	45	39+

	RF Channel			
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1	LOC2
Current	55	56	48	36
30.10.19	55	56	48	36

Power change: the ERP will change from 10kW to 15kW for LOC1

7 February 2018

The WALTHAM transmitter group, serving much of the east Midlands

Waltham – further changes to occur in Q1 2020

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
T	T	Current	49	54-	58	29	56	57
		07.02.18	49	54-	58	29	37	57

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1
Current	31	37	26
07.02.18	31	56	26

Power change: None

27 February 2018

The OXFORD transmitter group, serving Oxfordshire, parts of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire

Oxford – further changes to occur on 23 May 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	T	Current	53+	60-	57	50	59-	55
		27.02.18	53+	60-	57	50	59-	31

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK 7)	COM8 (NUK 8)	LOC1
Current	31	37	29
27.02.18	55	37	29

Power change: None

27 February 2018

THE WREKIN transmitter group, serving north Shropshire and south Cheshire

Bucknell

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	45	49	42
		27.02.18	45	39	42

Power change: None

Clun

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	55	59	50
		27.02.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

Coalbrookdale

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	50	43	46
		27.02.18	40	43	46

Power change: None

Halesowen

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	58	49	54
		27.02.18	22	25	28

Power change: the ERP will change from 2.5W to 5W for all multiplexes

1 March 2018

The BRIERLEY HILL transmitter group, serving the Brierley Hill area

Brierley Hill – further changes to occur on 7 March 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
T	A	Current	60-	57+	53	50	59-	55
		01.03.18	60-	57+	53	50	59-	37

	RF Channel
	LOC 1
Current	29
01.03.18	29

Power change: None

1 March 2018

The MALVERN transmitter, serving the Malvern area

Malvern – further changes to occur on 7 March 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	53	57	60-	50	59-	55
		01.03.18	53	57	60-	50	59-	37

Power change: None

1 March 2018

The RIDGE HILL transmitter group, serving Herefordshire, south Shropshire and parts of Gloucestershire

Ridge Hill

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
A	T	Current	28	25	22+	21+	24	27
		01.03.18	28	25	22+	21+	24	27

	RF Channel	
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)
Current	32	34
01.03.18	55	56

Power change: None

Ridge Hill (West)

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
A	A	Current	n/a	29	n/a
		01.03.18	n/a	29	n/a

Power change: the ERP will change from 20kW to 2kW for PSB2. The modulation mode will change from 64 QAM to QPSK.

Ross On Wye

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	50	59	55
		01.03.18	30	31	37

Power change: the ERP will change from 2W to 4W for all multiplexes

1 March 2018

The SUTTON COLDFIELD transmitter group, serving much of the west Midlands

Worcester Elbury Reservoir

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
n/a	A	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-
		01.03.18 Service Launch	28	25	22+	21+	24	27

Power change: the multiplexes will launch at an ERP of 20W.

5 March 2018 (previously scheduled 1 March)

The RIDGE HILL transmitter group, serving Herefordshire, south Shropshire and parts of Gloucestershire

Andoversford

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	50	59	55
		01.03.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

7 March 2018

The BRIERLEY HILL transmitter group, serving the Brierley Hill area

Brierley Hill – change also occurred on 1 March 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
T	A	Current	60-	57+	53	50	59-	37
		07.03.18	32	34	35	29	31	37

	RF Channel
	LOC1
Current	29
07.03.18	33

Power change: None

Haden Hill

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	48	52	56
		07.03.18	21	24	27

Power change: the ERP will change from 16W to 32W for all multiplexes

7 March 2018

The BROMSGROVE transmitter group, serving the Bromsgrove area

Bromsgrove

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
K	K	Current	26	23	30-	41+	44	47
		07.03.18	26	23	30-	33	36	48

Power change: None

7 March 2018

The FENTON transmitter group, serving Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme

Fenton

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
		07.03.18	24	27	21+	25	22+	28

	RF Channel	
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)
Current	32	34
07.03.18	55	56

Power change: None

7 March 2018

The MALVERN transmitter, serving the Malvern area

Malvern – change also occurred on 1 March 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	53	57	60-	50	59-	37
		07.03.18	41	44	47	29	31	37

Power change: None

7 March 2018

The LARK STOKE transmitter, serving Stratford-upon-Avon area

Lark Stoke

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
K	K	Current	26	23	30-	41+	44	47
		07.03.18	26	23	30-	33	36	48

Power change: None

7 March 2018

The SUTTON COLDFIELD transmitter group, serving much of the west Midlands

Sutton Coldfield

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
T	E	Current	43	46	40+	42	45	39+
		07.03.18	43	46	40+	42	45	39+

	RF Channel			
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1	LOC2
Current	33	35	51	n/a
07.03.18	55	56	48	36

Power change: the ERP will be 1kW for LOC2.

Birmingham Newton Drive

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	50	59	55
		07.03.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

Bretch Hill

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	56	48	52
		07.03.18	32	34	35

Power change: None

Bridgnorth

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	59	50	55
		07.03.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

Cheadle

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	56	48	52
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Earl Sterndale

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	49	58	54
		07.03.18	32	34	35

Power change: None

Gravelly Hill

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	50	59	55
		07.03.18	29	31	37

Power change: the ERP will change from 3W to 16W for all multiplexes

Harborne

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	56	52	48
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Ipstones Edge

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	60-	57	53
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Ironbridge

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	K	Current	49	58	54
		07.03.18	33	36	48

Power change: None

Kenilworth

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	60-	57	53
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Kinver

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	48	56	52
		07.03.18	22	25	28

Power change: None

Leamington Spa

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	59	50	55
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Queslett

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	49	58	54
		07.03.18	32	34	35

Power change: None

Repton

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	60-	57	53
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Rugeley

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	56	52	48
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Tenbury Wells

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	60-	57	53
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Turves Green

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	50	59	55
		07.03.18	29	31	37

Power change: None

Whittingslow

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	K	Current	60-	57	53
		07.03.18	33	36	48

Power change: None

Winchcombe

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	49	58	54
		07.03.18	32	34	47

Power change: None

Winshill

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	60-	57	53
		07.03.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

7 March 2018

The WALTHAM transmitter group, serving much of the east Midlands

Belper – further changes to occur in Q1 2020

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	K	Current	59+	50	55
		07.03.18	59+	50	36

Power change: None

23 May 2018

The OXFORD transmitter group, serving Oxfordshire, parts of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire

Oxford – change also occurred on 27 February 2018

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	T	Current	53+	60-	57	50	59-	31
		23.05.18	41	44	47	29	37	31

	RF Channel			
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1	LOC2
Current	55	37	29	-
23.05.18	55	56	22	46

Power change: the ERP will change from 4kW to 10kW for LOC1. LOC2 will launch at an ERP of 10kW

Charlbury

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	44	41	47
		23.05.18	39	42	45

Power change: None

Guiting Power

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	K	Current	44	41	47
		23.05.18	33	36	48

Power change: None

Over Norton

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	K	Current	48	56-	52
		23.05.18	48	33	36

Power change: None

31 October 2018

The RIDGE HILL transmitter group, serving Herefordshire, south Shropshire and parts of Gloucestershire

Eardiston

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	54	49	58
		31.10.18	32	34	35

Power change: None

Garth Hill HP & VP

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	53	60	57
		31.10.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Hope Under Dinmore

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	57	60	53
		31.10.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Oakeley Mynd

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	45	49	42
		31.10.18	45	39	42

Power change: None

Peterchurch

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	53	60	57
		31.10.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Preseigne

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	45	42	49
		31.10.18	45	42	39

Power change: None

Upper Soudley

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	B	Current	46	43	50
		31.10.18	46	43	40

Power change: None

Worcester Elbury Reservoir (SFN with Ridge Hill)

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
n/a	A	Current	28	25	22+	21+	24	27
		31.10.18	28	25	22+	21+	24	27

Power change: the ERP will change from 20W to 50W for all multiplexes

31 October 2018

The SUTTON COLDFIELD transmitter group, serving much of the west Midlands

Hartington

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	B	Current	56	48	52
		31.10.18	41	44	47

Power change: None

Kidderminster

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	49	58	54
		31.10.18	32	34	35

Power change: None