



Notice of a Proposed Decision to grant a Telecommunications Licence to Starlink Internet Services Limited

The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (**GCRA**) has received an application from Starlink Internet Services Limited (**Starlink**), a company registered in Ireland,¹ for a licence to establish, operate and maintain a telecommunications network and provide fixed telecommunications services – specifically satellite user terminal network and earth station in motion (ESIM) services – to customers in Guernsey.

In March 2022, following a consultation process, the GCRA published its final decision on a framework for licensing gateway earth station and user terminal network satellite services in Guernsey.² As part of that process, Starlink, one of the leading global satellite operators, submitted an expression of interest in providing user terminal network satellite services.

In its application, Starlink is proposing to provide high-speed, low-latency satellite internet services to Guernsey customers through its low earth orbit satellite communications constellation. The service will provide fibre-like connectivity with speeds above 100 Mbps download and 80 Mbps upload, utilising low power user terminal devices that are sold directly to customers. Starlink also proposes to provide ESIM services on platforms in motion (e.g. ships or aircraft).

¹ Registered address: 5th Floor, Beaux Lane House, Mercer Street, Lower Dublin 2, Ireland D02DH60.

² <https://www.gcra.gg/cases/2021/satellite-licensing-framework-user-terminals-and-earth-station-gateways/t1539g-satellite-licensing-framework-gateway-earth-stations-and-user-terminal-network-services-response-to-consultation-final-decision/>

Starlink proposes to use satellite spectrum in the Ku band, in accordance with its Satellite (Earth Station Network) Licence issued by Ofcom, which allows Starlink to use satellite spectrum for this purpose anywhere in the UK and Channel Islands.

The GCRA notes that the draft licence obliges the licensee to comply with any other requirements to obtain any additional authorisations or licences that may be necessary for the provision of the licensed satellite telecommunications services or network. This includes, for example, a Wireless Telegraphy licence from Ofcom authorising spectrum use, or local planning approvals for any network structures.

Consistent with the GCRA's final decision on licensing satellite services in Guernsey, and exercising its powers under section 2 of *The Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001*, the GCRA proposes to issue Starlink with a fixed telecommunications licence that permits provision of satellite services.

A copy of the proposed licence is published on the GCRA website under matter no. T1582G at www.gcra.gg.

If any persons wish to make written representations or objections to this proposed decision, these may be made to the GCRA by email to info@gcra.gg or alternatively in writing to:

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La Plaiderie Chambers,
La Plaiderie
St Peter Port, GY1 1WG

All written comments should be marked 'Starlink Telecommunications Licence' and to be received no later than **5pm, Wednesday 15 June 2022**.

This proposed decision will become a final decision from 22 June 2022 unless otherwise notified by the GCRA.

Consistent with its final decision on licensing satellite services, the GCRA will consider further applications for telecommunications licences authorising satellite user terminal network services or satellite gateway earth station services on a first-come first-served basis.

8 June 2022

by order of the GCRA