

Cellular mast emissions survey: Green Island Kiosk



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1 Executive summary

The Jersey Competition and Regulatory Authority or JCRA regularly monitors emission levels from the cellular masts in Jersey¹ to ensure the mobile network operators who operate their services from those masts comply with their license obligations in terms of power levels and that the levels from the sites meet the internationally recognised standards and guidelines regarding health and safety limits for the public.

In 2017, JCRA commissioned EM emission level surveys at all the sites within the island. The surveys were repeated in each subsequent year for all new sites and sites where major changes were made by the operators in the previous year. This report presents the results of the survey conducted at the Green Island Kiosk site in 2021.

The Green Island Kiosk site was used by one operator at the time of the survey: JT. Surveys were conducted at all cellular frequency bands (800, 900, 1800, 2100 and 2600MHz) for all mobile cellular technologies (GSM, 3G and 4G) and for all three cellular operators as a routine procedure. Even though the reported levels are expected to be predominantly emitted from this site, the test equipment does not discriminate between nearby sites which means that the levels are cumulated over all site emissions detected by the test instrument.

The survey established that the emission levels around the site were very low and well below the safety limits for the public advised by internationally recognised standards.

The values shown hereafter are the maximum levels recorded around the site following a peak search. The levels were found to be lower at all the other locations round this site. The recorded values are true at the time of testing and can go up or down depending on the level of user activity on the site.

The total Exposure Quotient (EQ) for the site recorded across all detected cellular frequency bands is given at the bottom of the summary table below. A total EQ close to 1 (one) for the site would mean that emission levels approach the safety limit advised by ICNIRP in their guidelines.

Table 1 – Cumulative exposure quotient

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Green Island Kiosk	800	0.004894	Airtel	7947	9.45837E-07	1/ 1057265
	900	1.343	JT	31	0.00248979	1/ 402
	1800	0.1787	JT	326	0.000126409	1/ 7911
	2100	0.002338	Sure	26091	1.09305E-07	1/ 9148748
	2600	0.002502	JT	24380	2.4198E-07	1/ 4132574
Total Site EQ					0.002617496	1/ 382

The results show that the total EQ was measured at 1/382 and therefore remains well below the ICNIRP guidelines.

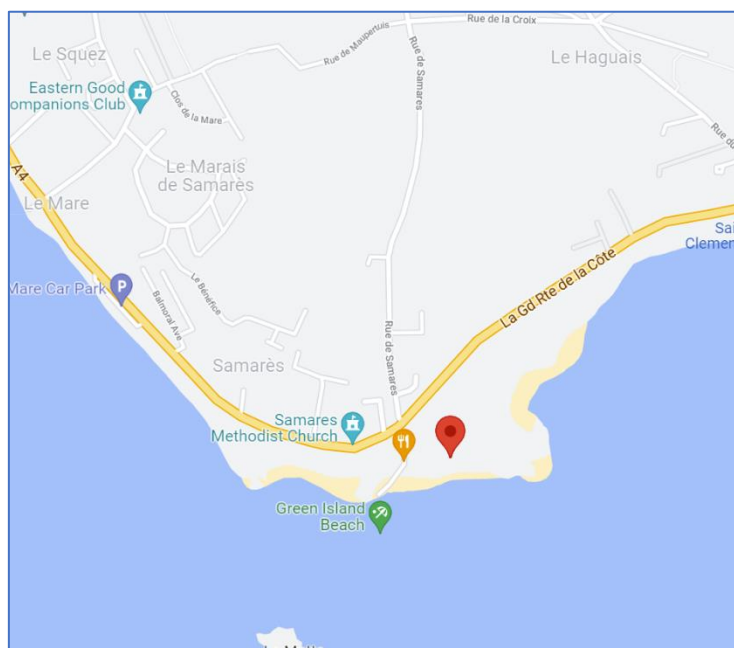
The graphs which follow show the activity on all the frequency bands surveyed. The plots are colour-coded for easy identification of the three main operators: Airtel in red, Sure in dark blue, and Jersey Telecom in light blue. The graphs are also supported by the equivalent statistical figures derived from the measured levels at the site for added clarity.

¹ Prior to 1 July 2020, the JCRA and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority coordinated their activities in the Channel Islands as the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA). Earlier reports may refer to CICRA rather than JCRA.

2 Site details

2.1 Site location

Figure 1 – Map of the site area



Site name:	Green Island Kiosk
Site address:	Public Toilets, Green Island, St Clement, Jersey
Site latitude:	49.163565
Site longitude:	-2.073391

2.2 Site description

Operators:	JT
Antenna types:	Omni Directional
Approximate height:	3m
Site type:	Phone booth
Description:	The antenna is located within the dome of the phone booth. Public access to the antenna is not possible without a climbing aid and dismantling of the antenna casing.

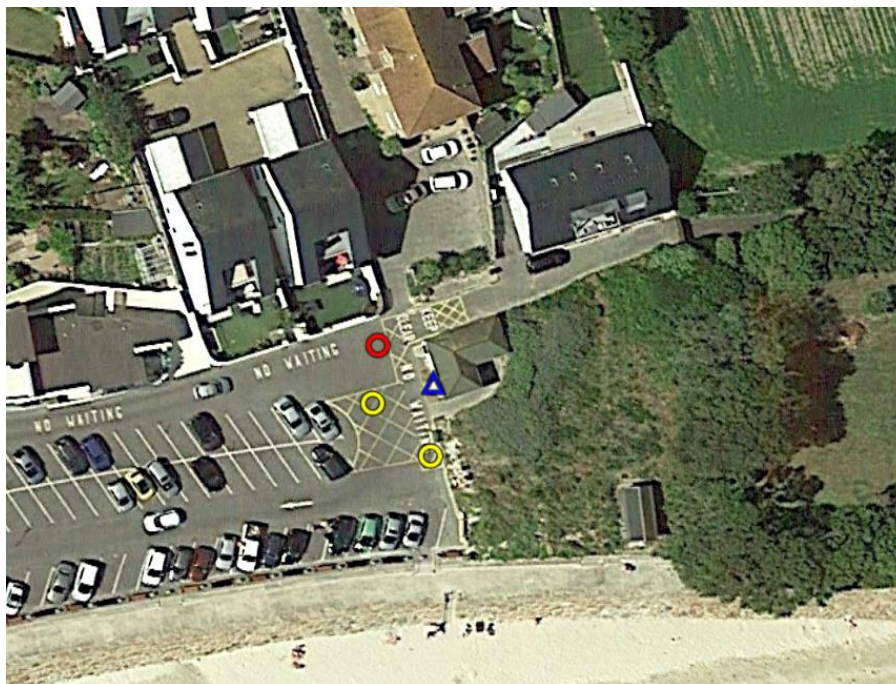
2.3 Site photo

Figure 2 – Location of the peak and where emission levels were measured



2.4 Test location

Figure 3 – Survey area with spot measurement markers



The blue triangle is the site location, the yellow circles are intermediate locations measured at during the peak search and the red circle is the spot where the highest spot search reading was obtained and where the detailed survey was carried out.

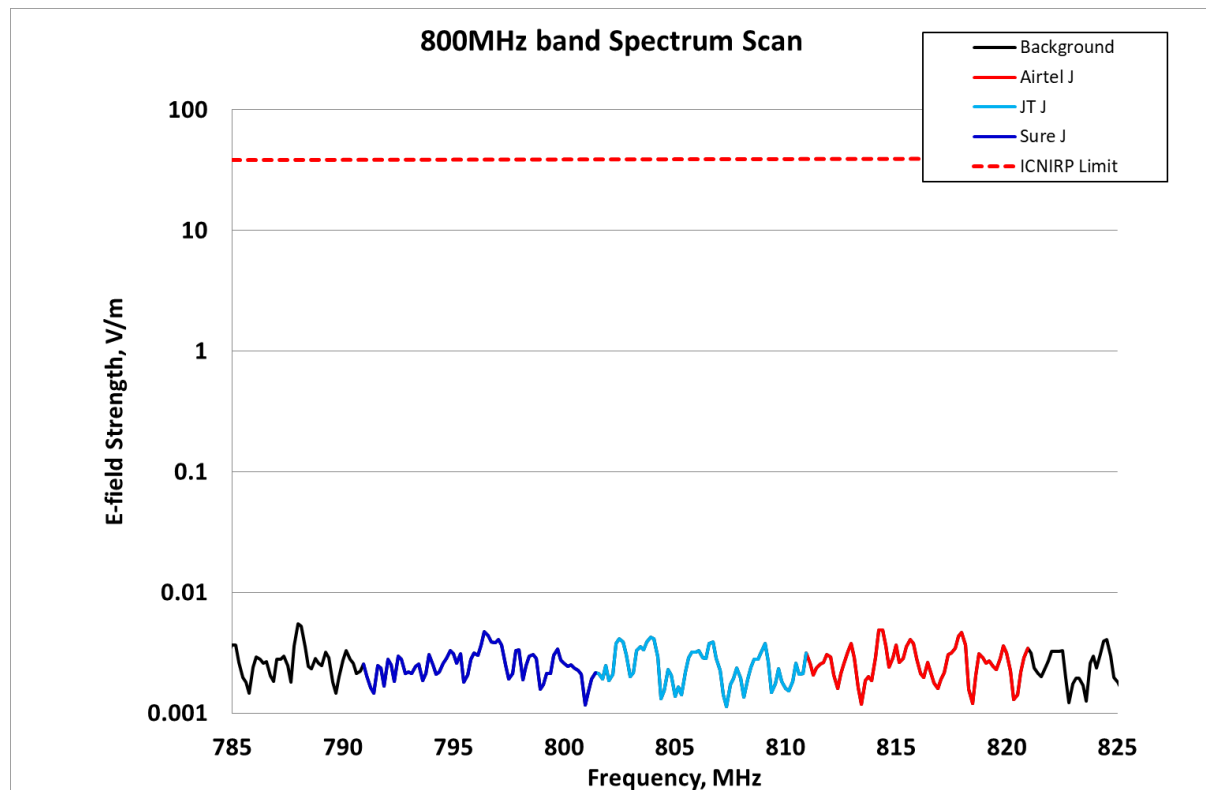
As part of the peak search procedure, spot measurements were taken at locations around the antennas as shown on the above sketch. The reported spectrum scans were taken at the peak location (shown in red above) where the highest readings were recorded. The spectrum readings reported further down this report were recorded over a period of six minutes as advised by ICNIRP.

3 Survey results

3.1 800MHz band

The graph for the 800MHz activity is shown below with the E-field strength levels measured at the site plotted on a logarithmic scale.

Figure 4 – 800MHz band spectrum scan



The red line on the scan represents the Airtel activity, the light blue is JT and the dark blue is Sure. ICNIRP's reference level for the general public is also shown as the straight dashed line at the top of the graph. For clarity, each step on the vertical axis represents a 10-fold increase. The same scaling and colour scheme will be used throughout this report.

No activity recorded on the 800MHz band from this site.

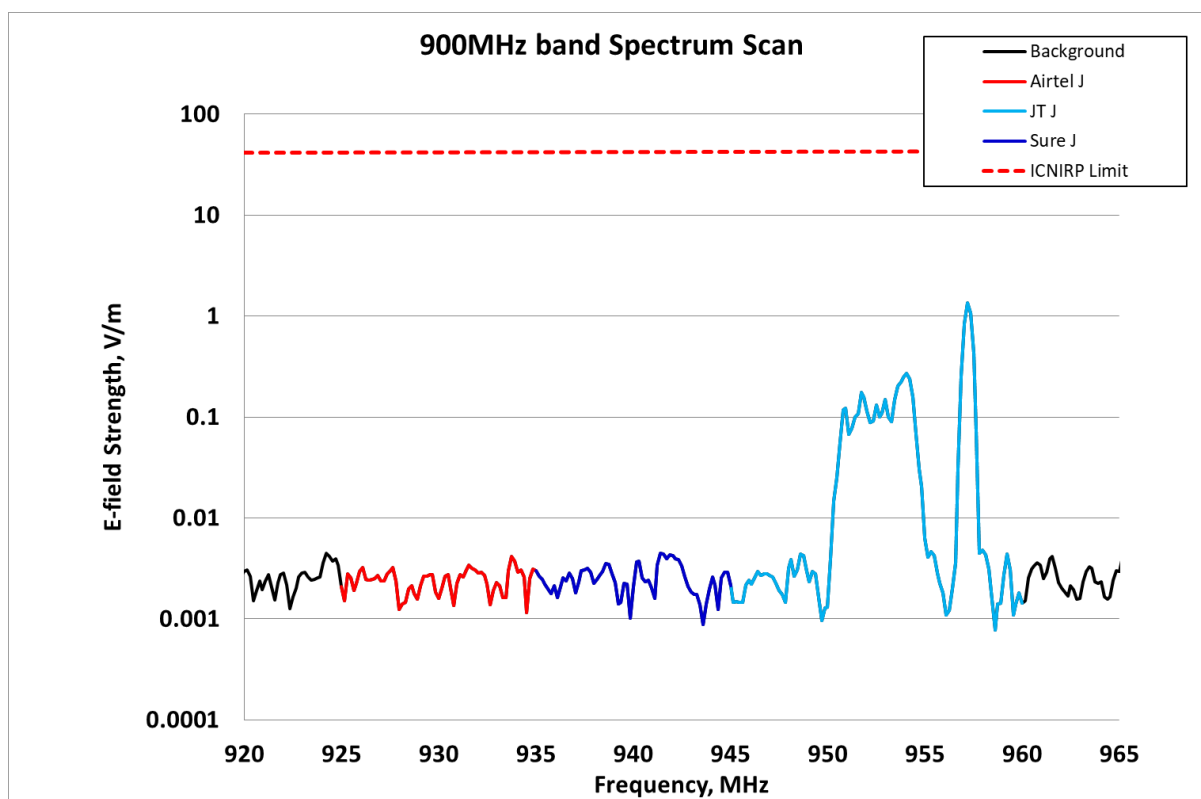
Table 2 – 800MHz band exposure quotient at Green Island Kiosk

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Green Island Kiosk	Airtel	800	0.004894	7947	3.38228E-07	1/ 2956587
	JT		0.004241	9170	2.85573E-07	1/ 3501727
	Sure		0.004717	8245	3.22036E-07	1/ 3105247
total band EQ					9.45837E-07	1/ 1057265

3.2 900MHz band

The graph for the 900MHz activity is shown below.

Figure 5 – 900MHz band spectrum scan



No field level recorded across the band was higher than 1.343 V/m (JT), which is 31 times smaller than the ICNIRP guideline level.

The EQ results for the 900MHz band are shown below.

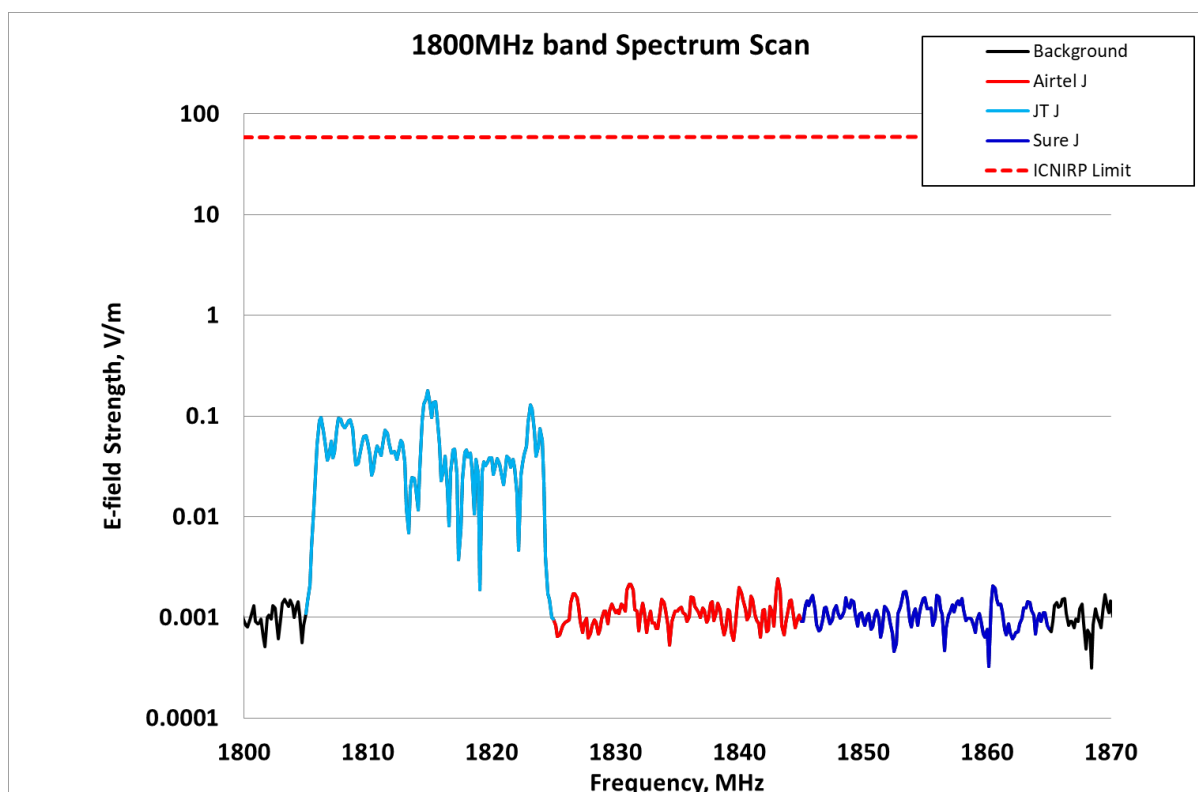
Table 3 – 900MHz band exposure quotient at Green Island Kiosk

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Green Island Kiosk	Airtel	900	0.004183	9861	2.32784E-07	1/ 4295836
	JT		1.343	31	0.002489294	1/ 402
	Sure		0.004445	9280	2.63016E-07	1/ 3802046
	total band EQ			0.00248979	1/ 402	

3.3 1800MHz band

The graph for the 1800MHz activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 6 – 1800MHz spectrum scan



No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.1787 V/m (JT), which is 326 times smaller than the ICNIRP guideline level.

The EQ results for the 1800MHz band are shown below.

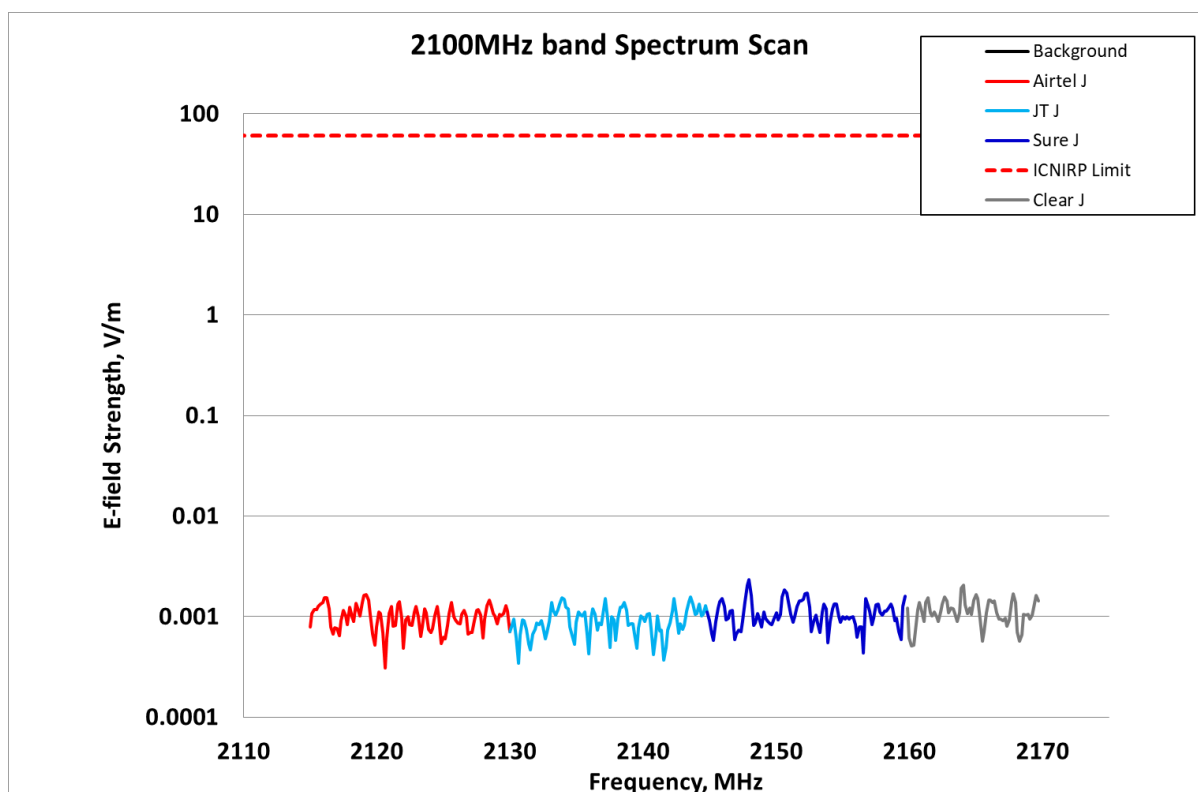
Table 4 – 1800MHz band exposure quotient at Green Island Kiosk

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Green Island Kiosk	Airtel	1800	0.002431	23997	5.11609E-08	1/ 19546176
	JT		0.1787	326	0.000126311	1/ 7917
	Sure		0.002049	28471	4.69512E-08	1/ 21298704
	total band EQ				0.000126409	1/ 7911

3.4 2100MHz band

The graph for the 2100MHz band activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 7 – 2100MHz band spectrum scan



No activity recorded on the 2100MHz band from this site.

The EQ results for the 2100MHz band are shown below.

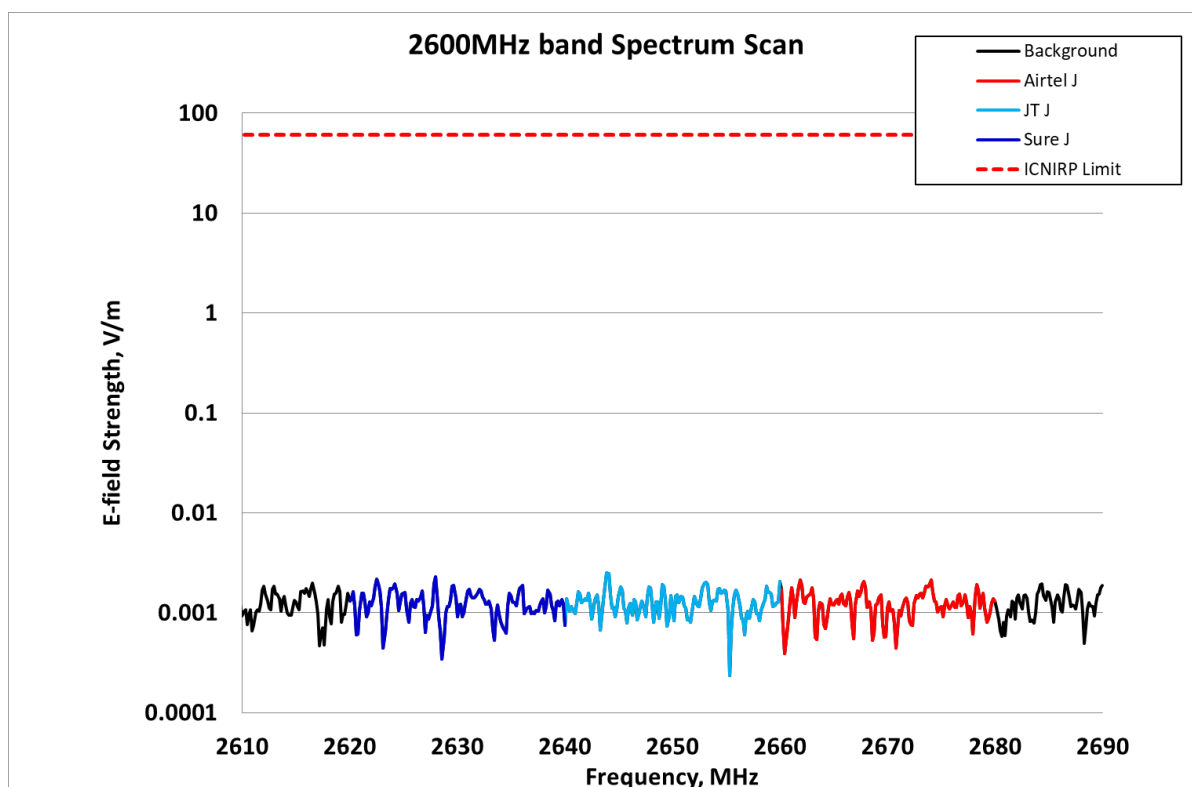
Table 5 – 2100MHz band exposure quotient at Green Island Kiosk

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Green Island Kiosk	Airtel	2100	0.001656	36836	2.78974E-08	1/ 35845682
	Clear		0.002058	29640	2.41787E-08	1/ 41358711
	JT		0.00158	38608	2.41127E-08	1/ 41471984
	Sure		0.002338	26091	3.31158E-08	1/ 30197025
total band EQ					1.09305E-07	1/ 9148748

3.5 2600MHz band

The graph for the 2600MHz band activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 8 – 2600MHz band spectrum scan



No activity recorded on the 2600MHz band from this site.

The EQ results for the 2600MH band are shown below.

Table 6 – 2600MHz band exposure quotient at Green Island Kiosk

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Green Island Kiosk	Airtel	2600	0.002441	24990	1.22051E-07	1/ 8193273
	JT		0.002502	24380	6.12601E-08	1/ 16323839
	Sure		0.002297	26556	5.86685E-08	1/ 17044931
total band EQ					2.4198E-07	1/ 4132574

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