

Cellular mast emissions survey

Windsor Court



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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 Windsor Court site in 2022.

The Windsor Court site was used by all three operators at the time of the survey: Airtel, JT and Sure. 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
Windsor Court	800	0.1591	Sure	244	0.000203802	1/ 4907
	900	0.6734	JT	61	0.000401008	1/ 2494
	1800	0.2676	Sure	218	0.000550844	1/ 1815
	2100	0.03463	Sure	1761	3.99782E-06	1/ 250136
	2600	0.06802	JT	897	2.6783E-05	1/ 37337
Total Site EQ					0.001186435	1/ 843

The results show that the total EQ was measured at 1/843 and therefore remains below the ICNIRP guidelines.

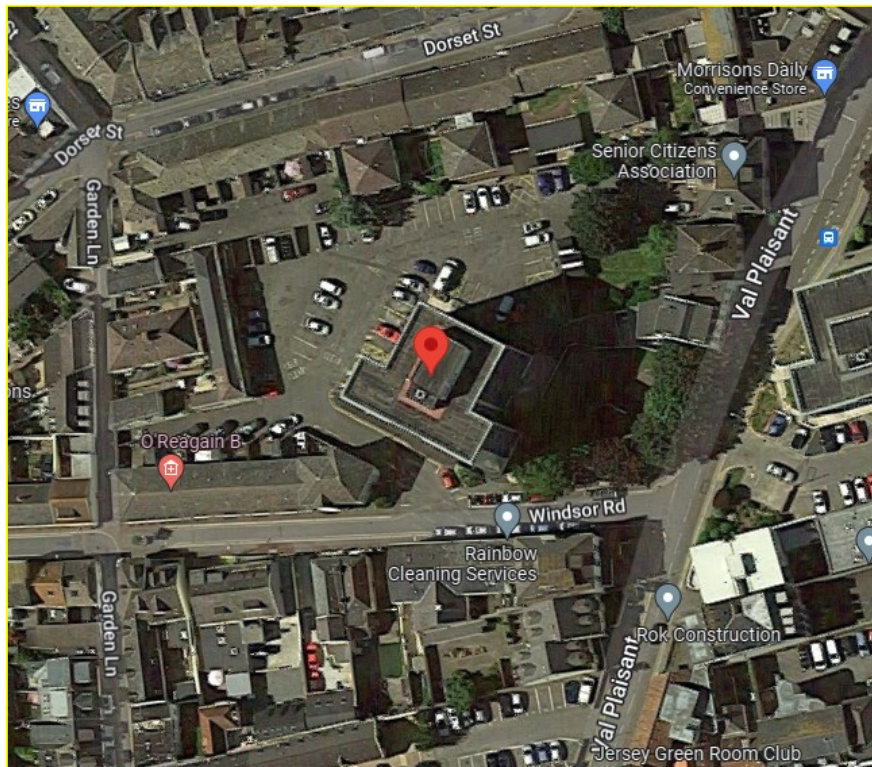
The graphs which follow show the activity on all the frequency bands surveyed. The plots are colour-coded for easy identification of the three main operators: Airtel in red, Sure in dark blue, and Jersey Telecom in light blue. The graphs are also supported by the equivalent statistical figures derived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

¹ Prior to 1 July 2020, the JCRA and the Guernsey Competition Regulatory Authority coordinated their activities in the Channel Islands as the Channel Islands Competition 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:	Windsor Court
Site address:	Windsor Road, St Helier, Jersey
Site latitude:	49.189646
Site longitude:	-2.105406

2.2 Site description

Operators:	Airtel, Sure and JT
Antenna types:	Directional antennas
Approximate height:	30m (from street level)
Site type:	Rooftop
Description:	The antennas are located on the rooftop. Public access to the antenna is not possible without permission to access the roof area.

3 Site photo

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



3.1 Test location

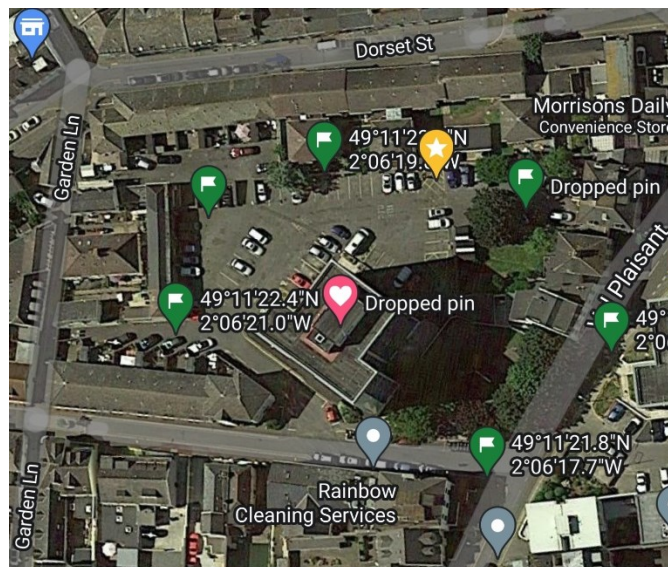


Figure 3 – Survey area with spot measurement markers

The red heart pin is the antenna location, the green flag pins are intermediate locations measured at during the peak search and the yellow star pin is the spot where the highest spot search reading was obtained and where the detailed survey was carried out.

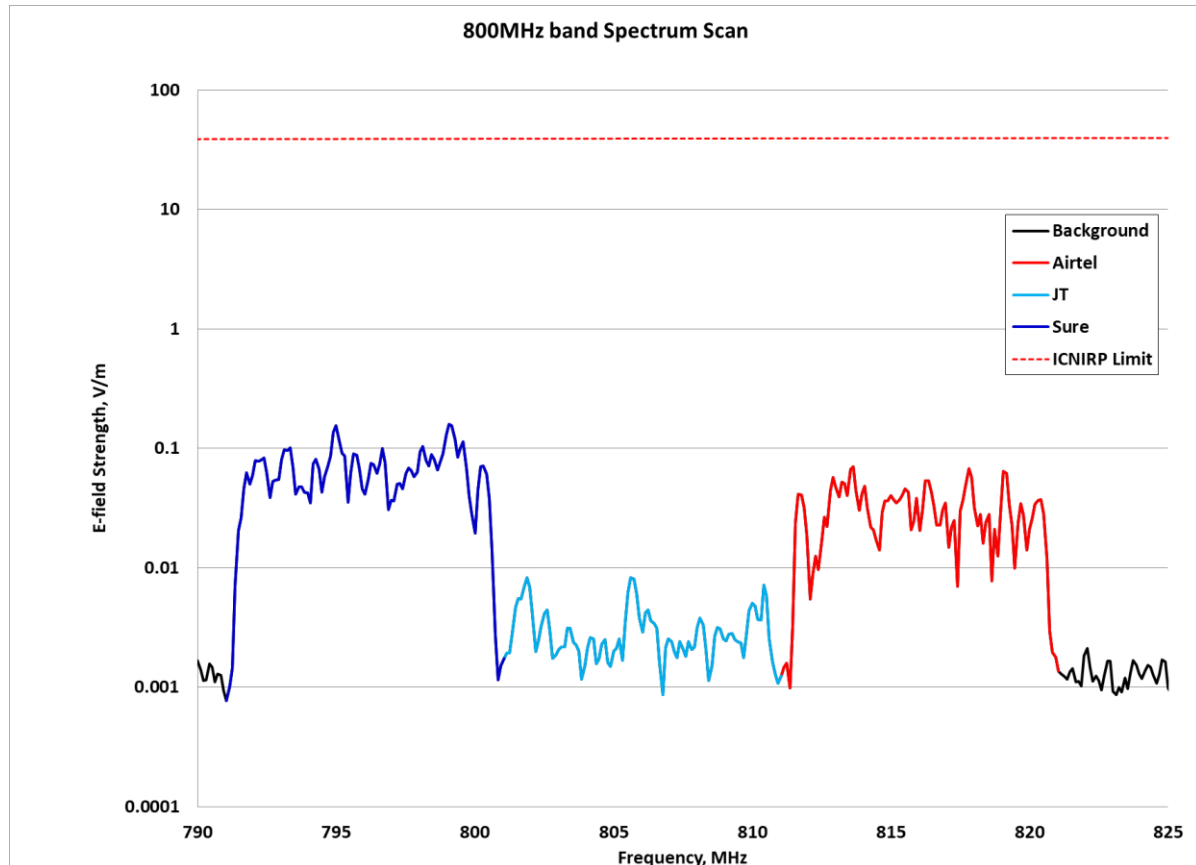
As part of the peak search procedure, spot measurements were taken at locations around the antennas as shown on the above sketch. The reported spectrum scans were taken at the peak location (shown in red above) where the highest readings were recorded. The spectrum readings reported further down this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

4 Survey results

4.1 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.

The highest field level measured across the band was recorded at 0.1591 V/m (Sure), which is 244 times smaller than the ICNIRP guideline level.

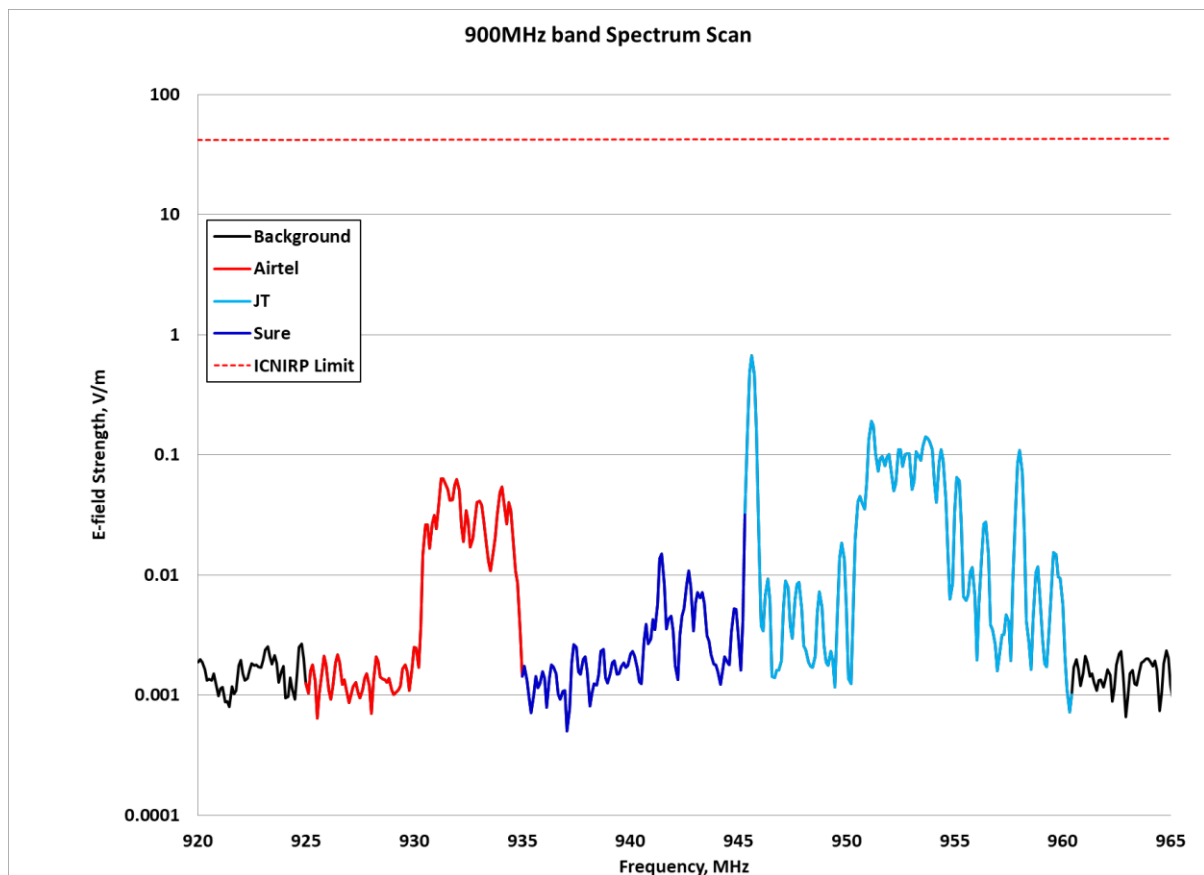
Table 2 – 800MHz band exposure quotient at Windsor Court

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
Windsor Court	Airtel	800	0.07024	554	3.53935E-05	1/ 28254
	JT		0.008247	4716	3.76746E-07	1/ 2654306
	Sure		0.1591	244	0.000168031	1/ 5951
total band EQ					0.000203802	1/ 4907

4.2 900MHz band

The graph for the 900MHz activity is shown below.

Figure 5 – 900MHz band spectrum scan



The highest field level measured across the band was recorded at 0.6734 V/m (JT), which is 61 times smaller than the ICNIRP guideline level.

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

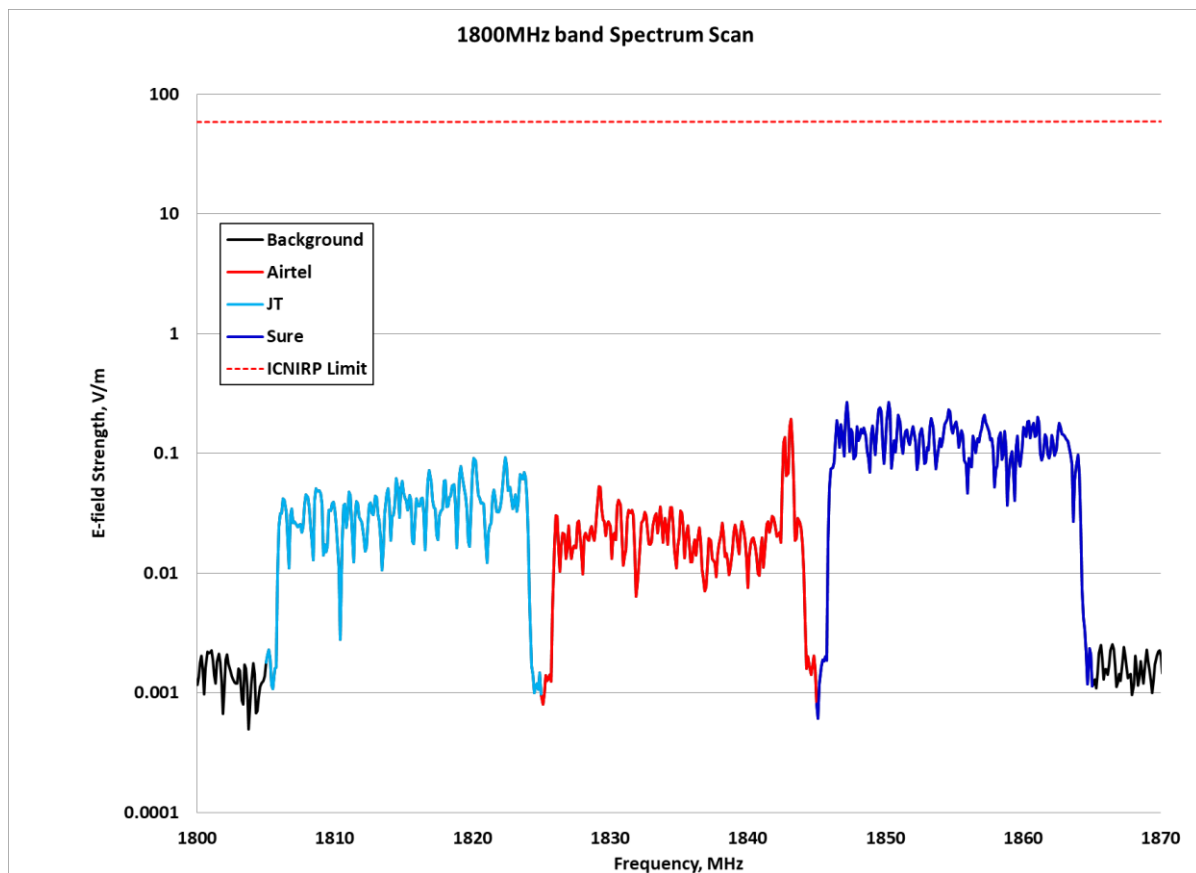
Table 3 – 900MHz band exposure quotient at Windsor Court

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
Windsor Court	Airtel	900	0.06359	649	1.5964E-05	1/ 62641
	JT		0.6734	61	0.000384347	1/ 2602
	Sure		0.03198	1290	6.97437E-07	1/ 1433820
total band EQ					0.000401008	1/ 2494

4.3 1800MHz band

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

Figure 6 – 1800MHz spectrum scan



The highest field level measured across the band was recorded at 0.2676 V/m (Sure), which is 218 times smaller than the ICNIRP guideline level.

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

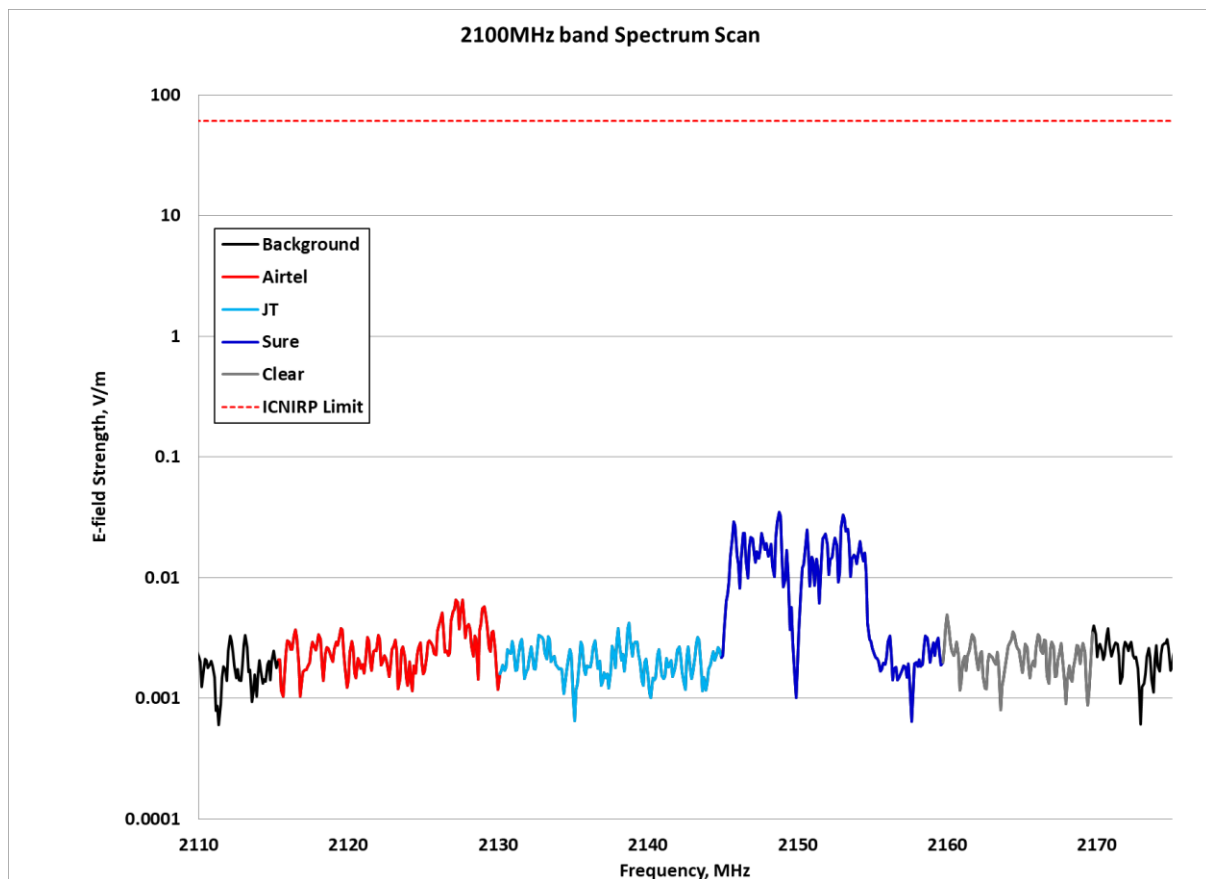
Table 4 – 1800MHz band exposure quotient at Windsor Court

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
Windsor Court	Airtel	1800	0.1942	300	3.04815E-05	1/ 32807
	JT		0.0925	631	4.16876E-05	1/ 23988
	Sure		0.2676	218	0.000478675	1/ 2089
total band EQ					0.000550844	1/ 1815

4.4 2100MHz band

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

Figure 7 – 2100MHz band spectrum scan



The highest field level measured across the band was recorded at 0.03463 V/m (Sure), which is 1761 times smaller than the ICNIRP guideline level.

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

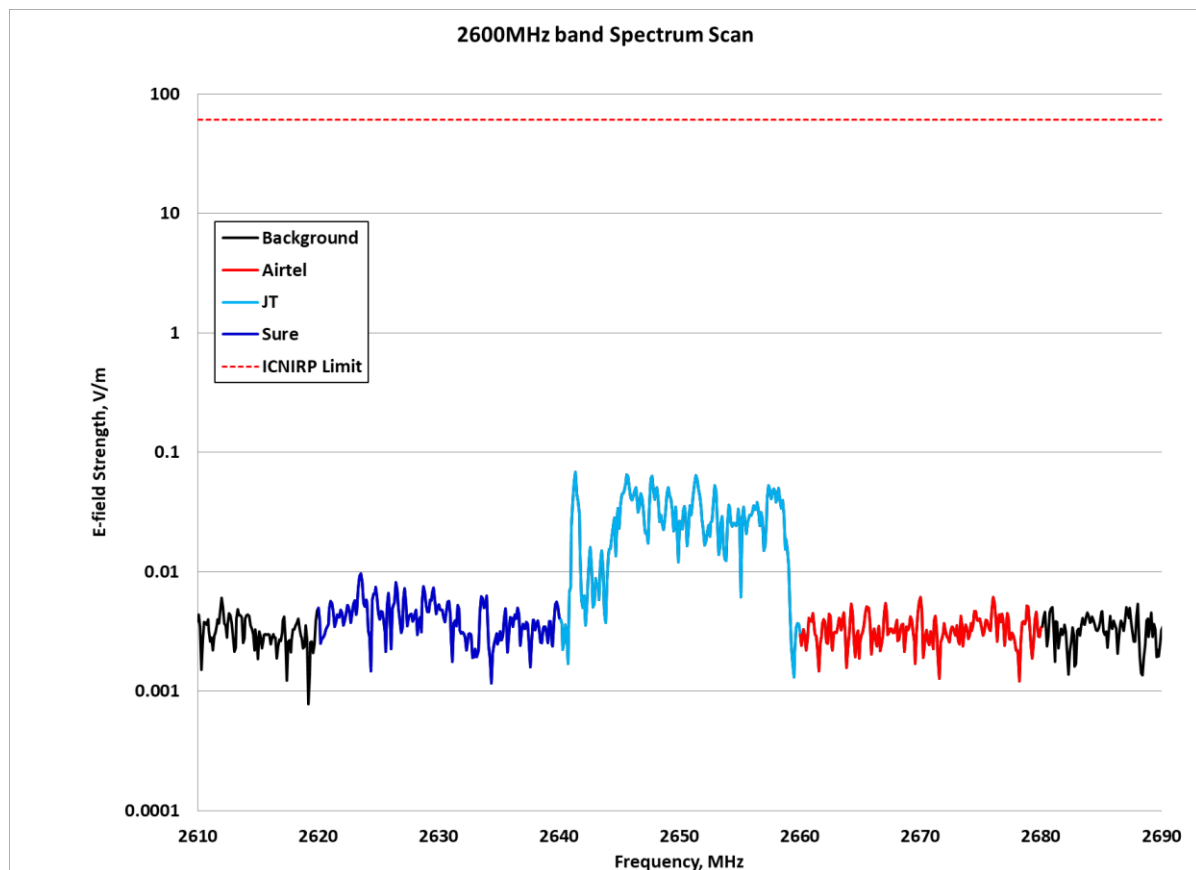
Table 5 – 2100MHz band exposure quotient at Windsor Court

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
Windsor Court	Airtel	2100	0.0065	9385	1.61885E-07	1/ 6177226
	JT		0.00419	14558	9.17494E-08	1/ 10899252
	Sure		0.03463	1761	3.67156E-06	1/ 272364
	Clear		0.004894	12464	7.26246E-08	1/ 13769440
total band EQ					3.99782E-06	1/ 250136

4.5 2600MHz band

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

Figure 8 – 2600MHz band spectrum scan



The highest field level measured across the band was recorded at 0.06802 V/m (JT), which is 897 times smaller than the ICNIRP guideline level.

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

Table 6 – 2600MHz band exposure quotient at Windsor Court

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
Windsor Court	Airtel	2600	0.006116	9974	3.08194E-07	1/ 3244715
	JT		0.06802	897	2.59649E-05	1/ 38514
	Sure		0.009619	6342	5.09929E-07	1/ 1961058
total band EQ					2.6783E-05	1/ 37337

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