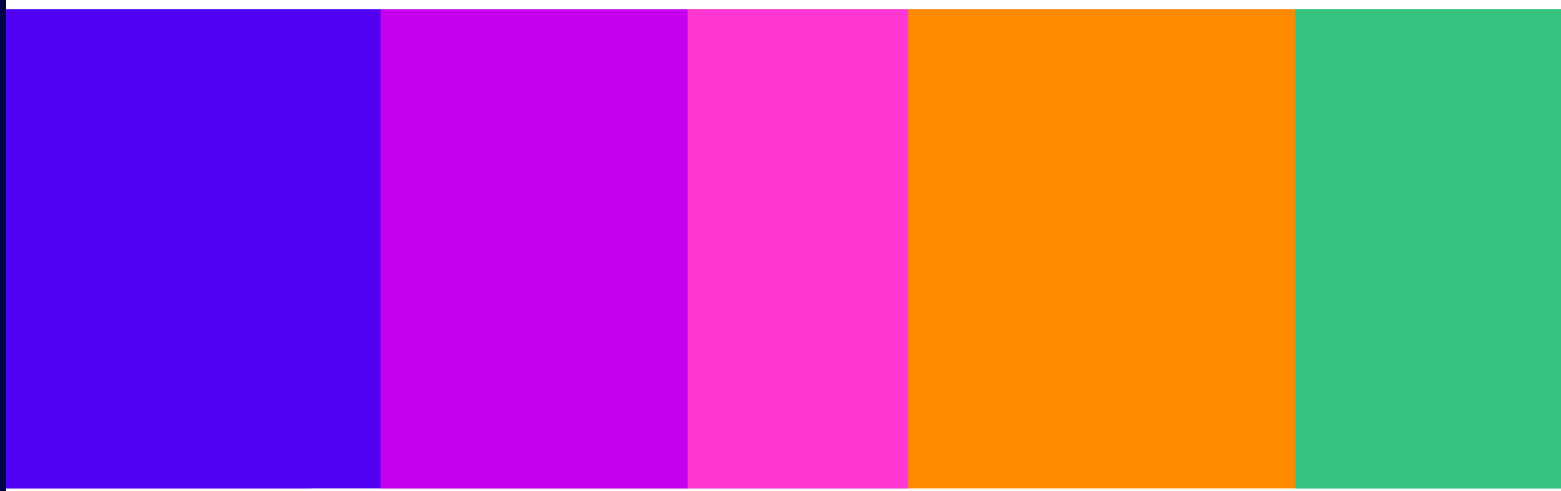


# UK small-scale DAB frequency plan

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Outline of frequency block usage for small-scale DAB across the United Kingdom.

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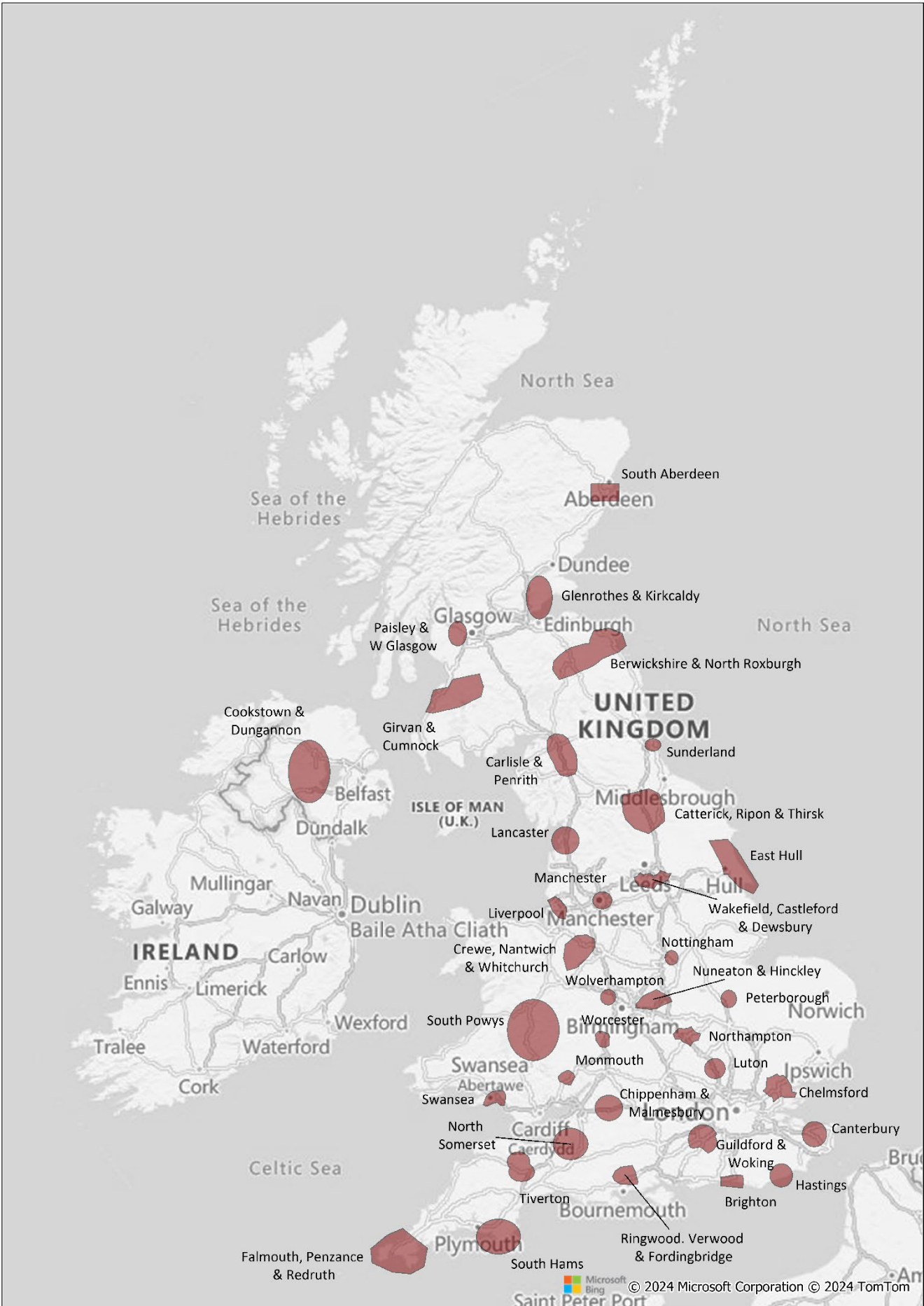
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# 1. Overview

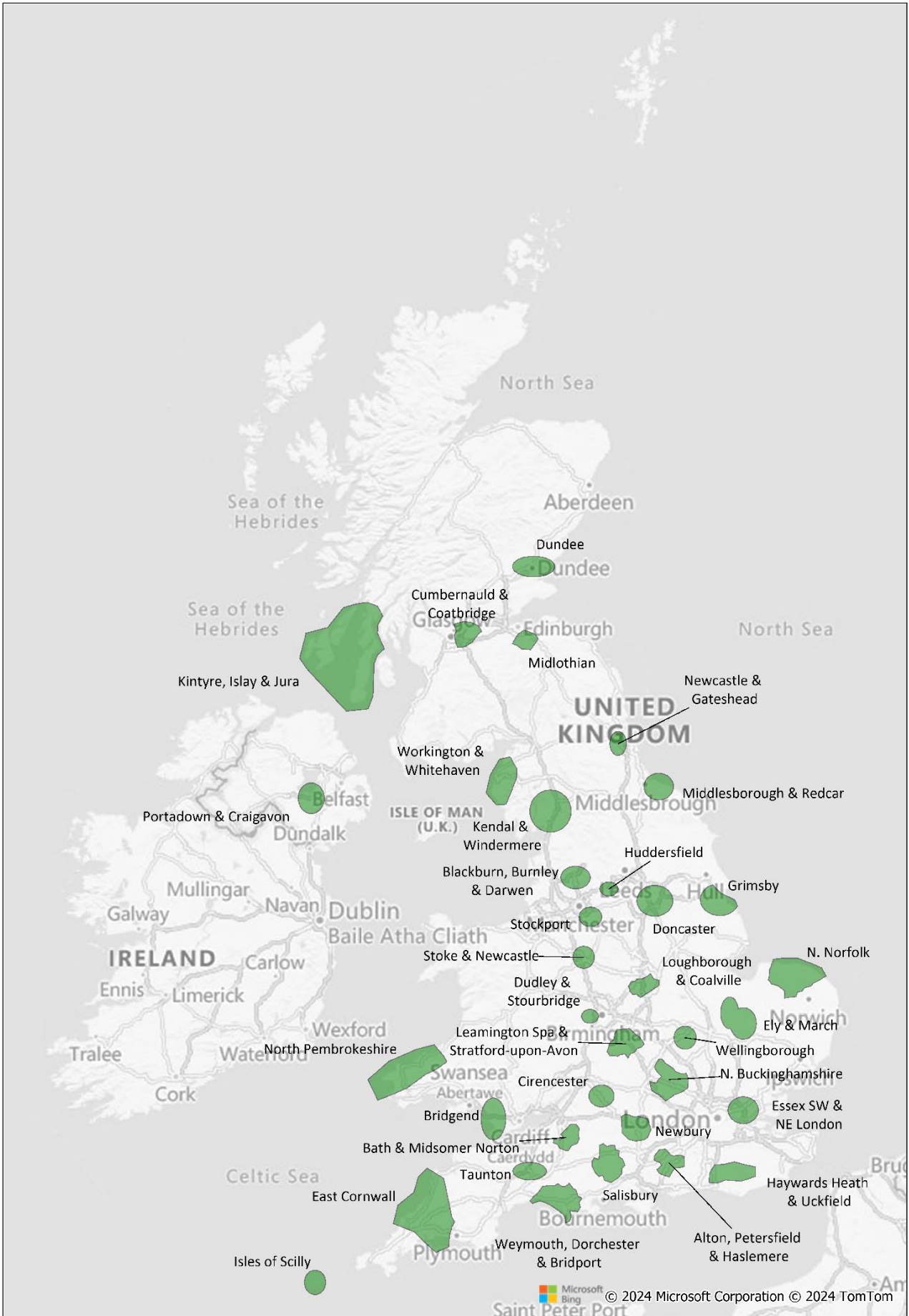
- 1.1 The following maps show which frequency blocks have been allocated to each small-scale DAB area that Ofcom anticipated advertising when considering the licensing of small-scale DAB. The statement on our approach can be found here: [Statement: Licensing small-scale DAB – how Ofcom will exercise its new functions - Ofcom](#)
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the frequencies used, or planned for future use, by small-scale DAB across the UK. The information is correct as of the date of publication, October 2024.
- 1.3 With over 60 multiplexes on-air, about 40 more licensed and yet to come on-air, and 25 areas being assessed, the overall frequency plan is not expected to change significantly. However, all frequency plans evolve over time and the allocations depicted on the following maps may change to some extent.
- 1.4 Ofcom does not propose to update this document for every change that might be adopted, although we anticipate publishing a final version once the current rounds of licensing small-scale DAB are complete.

## 2. The frequency maps

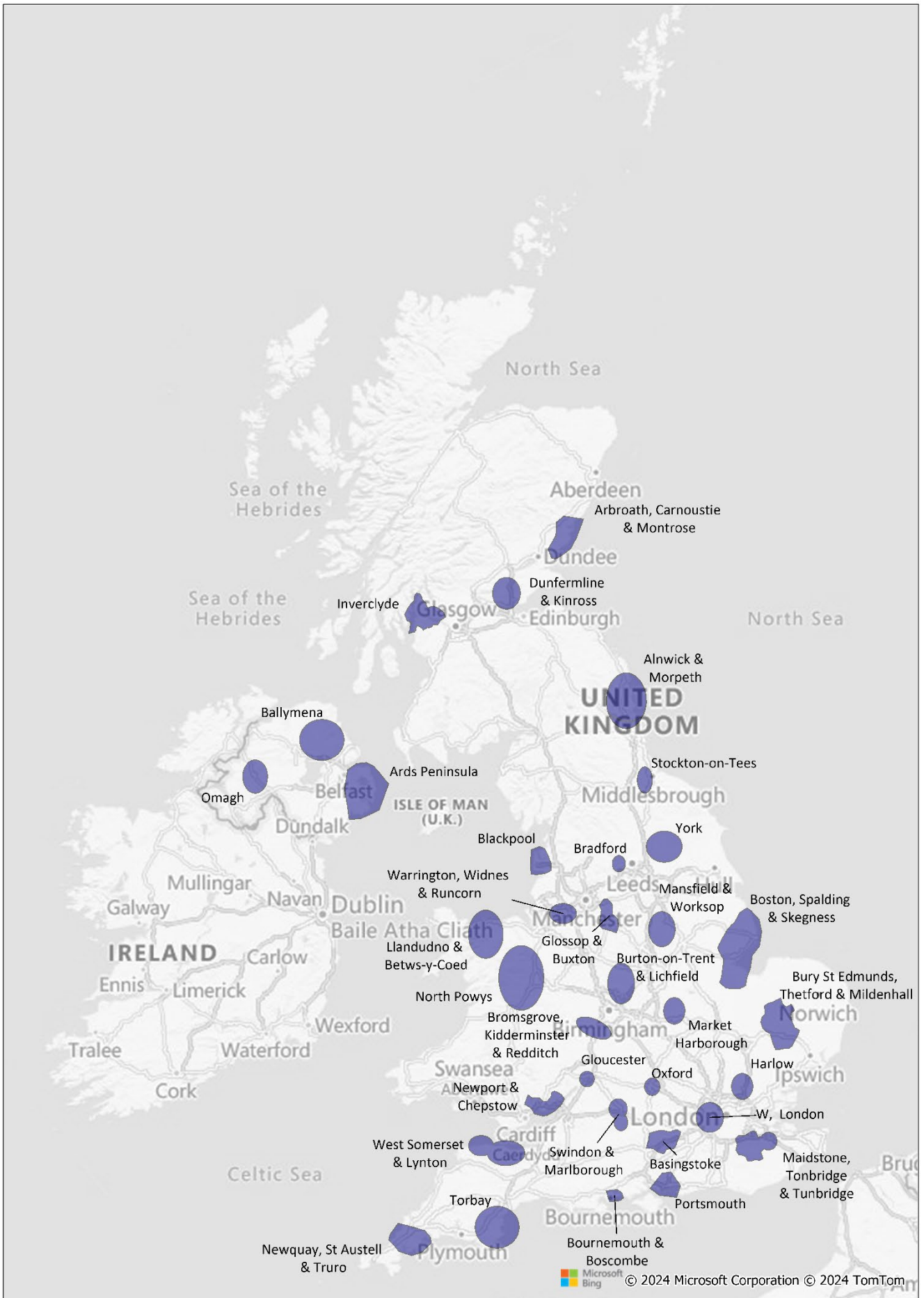
- 2.1 The following eight maps depict the planned frequency allocations for the United Kingdom's small-scale DAB plan. No differentiation is given to the status of services which may be; on-air, awarded, being assessed, unadvertised, revoked or unapplied for.
- 2.2 The areas on the maps are those advertised or shown within our licensing statement. The actual on-air coverages achieved may be larger or smaller than that originally advertised.
- 2.3 The individual maps show the following:
- Map one shows all the areas either using or expected to use block 7D.
  - Map two shows all the areas either using or expected to use block 8A.
  - Map three shows all the areas either using or expected to use block 8B.
  - Map four shows all the areas either using or expected to use block 9A.
  - Map five shows all the areas either using or expected to use block 9B.
  - Map six shows all the areas either using or expected to use block 9C.
  - Map seven shows all the areas either using or expected to share the sub-band III frequency blocks used by local DAB services.
  - Map eight shows areas where a final frequency has yet to be confirmed. In Scotland all the areas identified could use one of several available frequencies. Except for Lincoln, for which no application was received, all these unconfirmed frequency areas in England are within the Macro areas advertised in rounds two and five, and frequencies are known to be scarce.
- 2.4 Ofcom will keep under review whether it re-advertises any areas that were previously advertised and not awarded, taking into consideration interest from potential applicants and frequency availability.



Map one, small-scale DAB frequency plan, block 7D. October 2024



Map two, small-scale DAB frequency plan, block 8A. October 2024

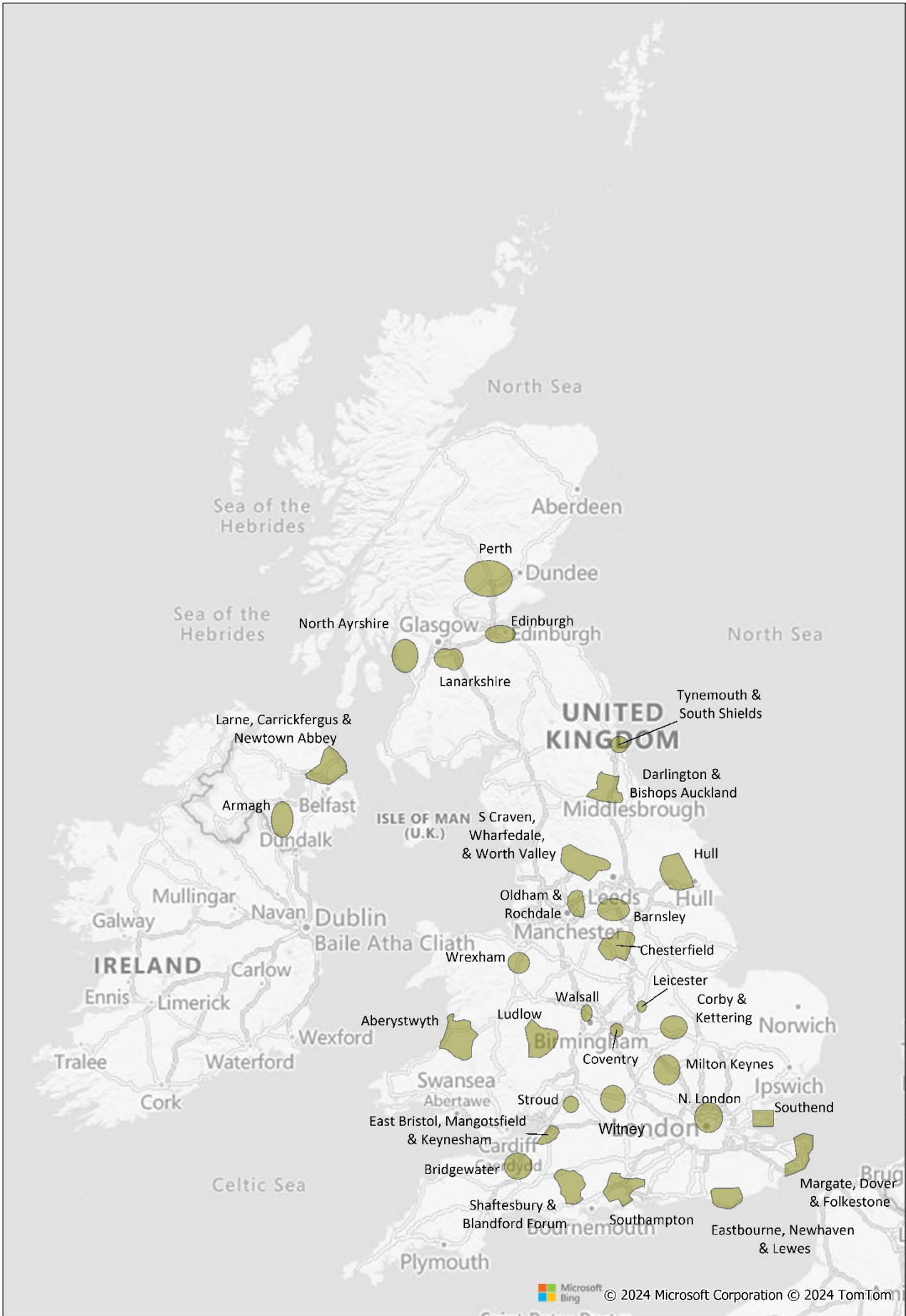


**Map three, small-scale DAB frequency plan, block 8B. October 2024**



Map four, small-scale DAB frequency plan, block 9A. October 2024

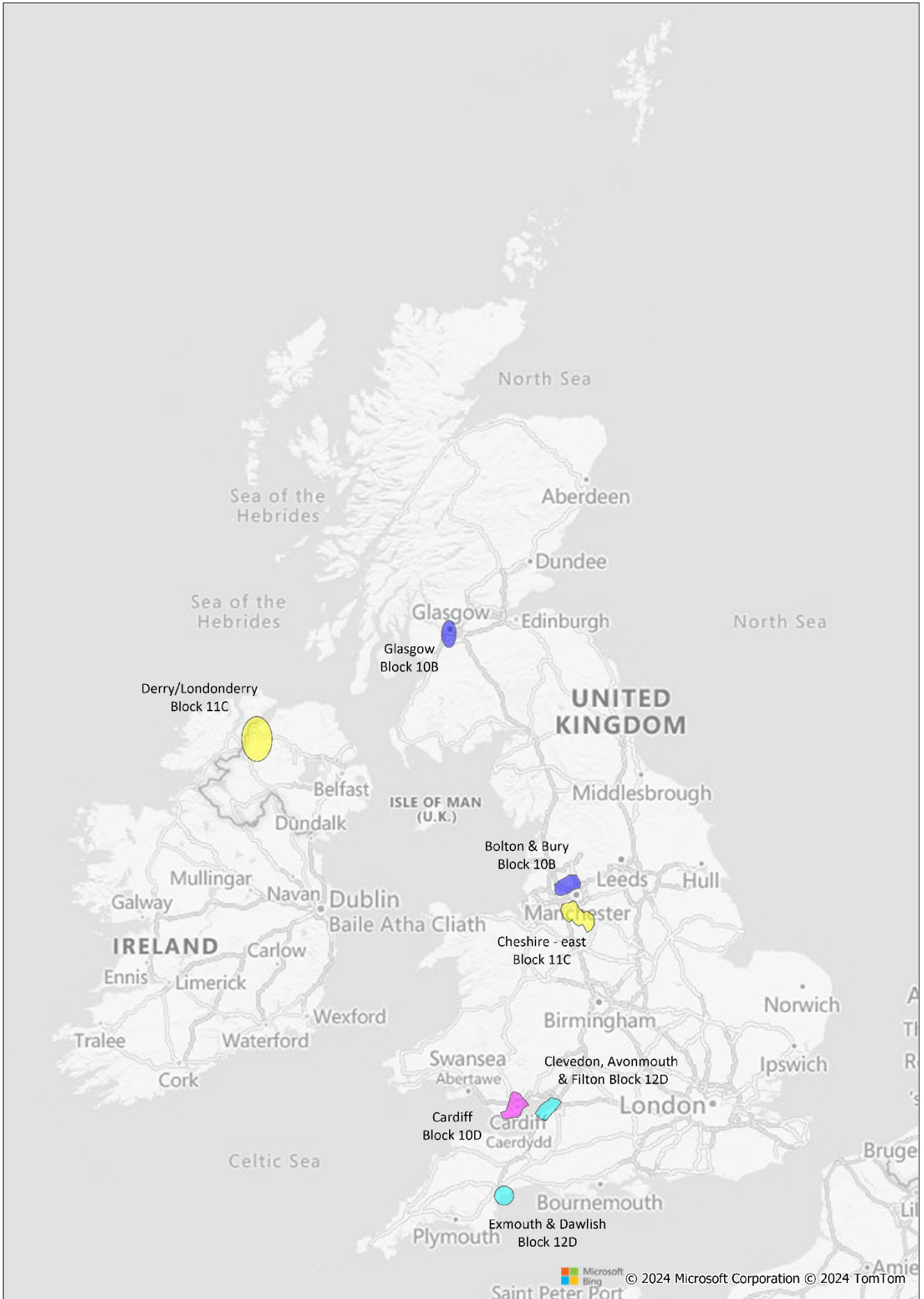




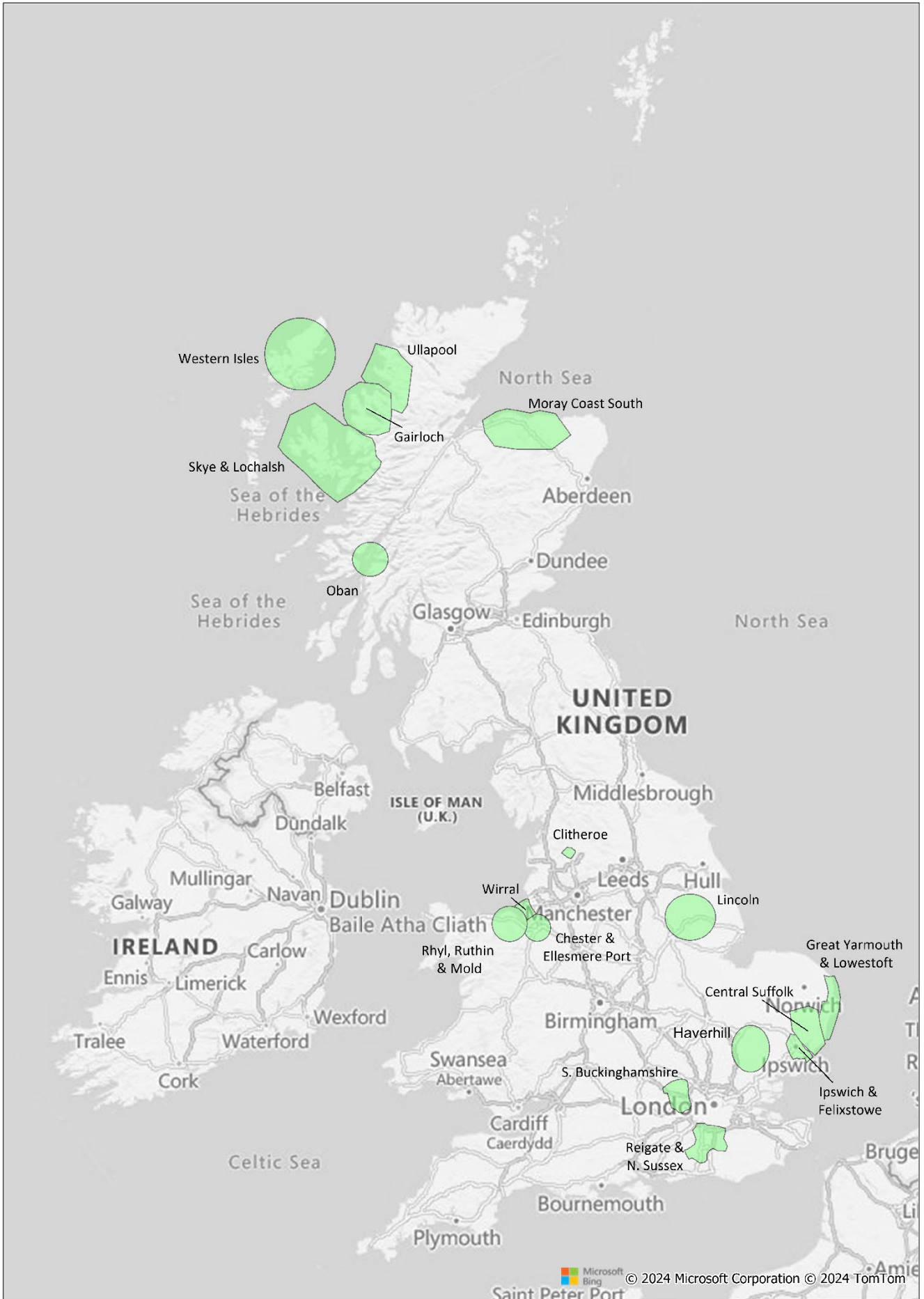
**Map five, small-scale DAB frequency plan, block 9B. October 2024**



Map six, small-scale DAB frequency plan, block 9C. October 2024



**Map seven, small-scale DAB frequency plan, sub-band III usage. October 2024**



**Map eight, small-scale DAB frequency plan, block to be confirmed. October 2024**