

Email response received 1 August 2005 from Mr D Waugh G13OBO:

First of all thank you, at last the REAL voice of Amateur Radio in the UK can be heard ! For far too many years we have been asked to voice an opinion and have been ignored by our so called National Society the RSGB which by no means represents the majority of Radio Amateurs in the UK, despite their claims in the not too distant past.

Question 1: Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a lighter, electronic licensing process? If not, please explain why.

Answer 1: **Yes**

Question 2: Do you agree with the proposal to issue licences which remain valid for the life of the licensee? If not, please explain why.

Answer 2: **YES.....I agree that a licence for life should be granted to fully qualified amateurs, but, to grant such a privilege to Foundation or Intermediate class licence holders would in my opinion remove from some the incentive to upgrade. I feel that the standards in Amateur Radio in the United Kingdom have been downgraded to a level that beggars belief, the FL and Intermediate Licence need revamped and a time restriction placed on holders to upgrade. I also feel that the issuing of these licences set at the present required standards should be stopped as soon as possible. It is making the British system a laughing stock worldwide.**

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposal to issue electronic amateur radio licences free of charge? If not, please explain why.

Answer 3: **Yes**

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposal to apply an administrative charge when processing postal applications for amateur radio licences? If not, please explain why.

Answer 4: **Yes**

Question 5: Do you agree that WT Act licence exemption for radio amateurs is not currently practical?

Answer 5: **Yes**

Question 6: What are your views regarding the possibility of WT Act licence exemption for radio amateurs in the longer term?

Answer 6: **Amateur Radio Operators and Amateur Radio should NEVER be licence exempt.**

Question 7: Is maintaining the existing licensing regime but with an extended renewal period your preferred option? If so, please state the renewal period that you believe would be appropriate and explain why.

Answer 7: **No**

Question 8: Do you agree that the current licensing system is over-burdensome? If not, please explain why.

Answer 8: **No. However in this electronic age an "on line" licence is quite acceptable**

Question 9: Do you agree with the proposal to apply an administrative charge when processing applications for a Notice of Variation to an amateur radio licence? If not, please explain why.

Answer 9: **Yes**