

# Response to Ofcom Consultation on the Radio Licensing Policy for VHF Band III, Sub-band 3

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The Christian Broadcasting Council of the United Kingdom (CBC) welcomes Ofcom's invitation to participate in the future consultation on the future use VHF Band III, Sub-band 3. Ofcom has posed the following question to which we give our response:

*In light of the further evidence presented in this document, Ofcom proposes to allocate three blocks of spectrum in VHF Band III, sub-band 3 for local radio multiplexes under the licensing process set out in the Broadcasting Act 1996, with the aim of covering geographical areas that do not presently have local radio multiplexes. Ofcom also proposes to allocate one block of spectrum in the same sub-band for a national multiplex under the licensing process set out in the Broadcasting Act 1996.*

*Do you agree that these proposals represent the optimal use of the spectrum?*

CBC agrees with the proposals set out in this document as it will give the opportunity for Christian broadcasters to find space on either the proposed national multiplex or on one of the new local multiplexes.

By the time that the Communications Act 2003 removed the restrictions that had previously stopped religious and Christian radio broadcasters from obtaining space on either the national DAB multiplex or local DAB multiplexes, such as in Greater London, all the space on the majority of these multiplexes had been allocated.

We therefore also take encouragement from the comment, found in paragraph 6.146, that you are looking at a potential spectrum 'dividend' for providing further local multiplexes and we look forward to playing our part in any further consultation.

We trust that this memorandum will be of help to Ofcom.

Yours truly,

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- ✓ *To stimulate and promote the knowledge of the Christian faith and the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the broadcasting media in the United Kingdom.*
- ✓ *To encourage the highest standards of Christian media communication.*
- ✓ *To support and develop the knowledge and standards of all those involved in broadcasting.*
- ✓ *To bring together in fellowship those working in broadcasting and those who support the vision of CBC, under girding and encouraging them in their spiritual lives.*

*Membership is open to individuals, corporate bodies and Christian ministries. The Executive Committee of CBC contains representatives from the independent Christian broadcasting sector including radio (community, commercial & RSL), television and independent production.*