

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

The following is the CAA response to the above mentioned Consultation Document:

The CAA fully supports the use of such mechanisms to achieve efficient spectrum management. However, in the case of aviation, where safety of life and compliance with international obligations are primary factors, aeronautical spectrum is not considered to be a candidate for this mechanism. However, as detailed within the Cave report, the potential use of administrative pricing in certain specific circumstances is fully supported.

Nevertheless, the proposals contained in the consultation document seem reasonable. The only comment I would offer is the need to retain sufficient regulation to ensure that control is not lost. Our concern in this respect is the need to ensure users such as aviation can have confidence that they will continue to be protected from interference by adjacent users and that the mechanisms are in place to be able to resolve such instances.

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