

Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

Keep name confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

I am a holder of a Full Amateur Radio Certificate, callsign M0OBY.

I am also a Mobile computing consultant and have worked 25 years in this field.

Question 1: Do you agree that it is likely that the benefits to UK consumers and citizens will be greater from the MoD's release of spectrum in the 2.3 GHz and 3.4 GHz release bands than from retaining the current amateur use?:

I agree in good spectrum management to allow for new mobile phone bands. However I also would like to retain some amateur bands within these two bands.

Question 2: Are there current uses in the release bands other than those detailed in RSGB's band plan and discussed in Section 3 of this consultation?:

No none as far as I am aware.

Question 3: Are there further consequences of removing the release bands from amateur licences that have not been considered in our analysis?:

No

Question 4: There is an option (although not preferred) to remove access to the adjacent bands, as well as to the release bands. What are the consequences of removing access to the adjacent bands from amateur licences?:

To do this would deny these bands from amateur usage for self education and interest in UHF and microwave. For example Amateur TV/Radio repeaters, moon bounce etc etc.

Moving the frequency would result in some expense, possibly £1k. Removing the bands would result in personal loss possibly £3k.

Question 5: Are there current uses in the adjacent bands other than those detailed in the RSGB's band plan and discussed in Section 3?:

None that I know of

Question 6: Are there additional mitigation measures which would provide demonstrable proof that amateurs would not cause interference into LTE in the release bands following the release?:

Amateurs in the main do not cause interference cross band either because they use professional equipment. Or as experimenter engineers know how to define, develop and test filtering equipment.

Question 7: Do you agree with the proposed process for varying licences following cases of reported interference and our proposal to vary licences should dealing with the number of reported cases become too onerous?:

Amateurs already have a long track record of self regulating using RSGB and BATC.

Question 8: Do you agree with our preferred option?:

Ofcom's preferred option of giving amateurs a small foothold in these two bands is acceptable.

Question 9: Are there additional changes to the Amateur Radio Licence which would assist amateur in lowering the risk of causing harmful interference to new uses?:

Again amateurs already self regulat in this area using RSGB and BATC.