

Dear Sirs. I would like you to take the following opinion into consideration. I have held an amateur licence, G3KKD, since 1956. I have been heavily involved with the development of amateur television and also general radio communication specialising on vhf/uhf and most recently microwave frequencies. I am now retired, but worked in the radio/electronics industry for 44 years. I am a Chartered Engineer and a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology. I am a member of the RSGB and also of the BATC, of which I was sometime chairman. I design and construct amateur equipment for my own use and also built the Cambridge 1.3 GHz amateur television repeater, GB3PV, some years ago. The complete removal of access by amateurs to the 2.3 and 3.4 GHz bands would be a very serious loss to the amateur movement. It would restrict technical development and propagation research and in many cases cause serious financial loss by rendering expensive equipment unusable. In the case of amateur television it would be a disaster for the repeater network. While fully appreciating that in this day and age some re-planning of the use of radio frequencies is essential to permit the growth of the use of new technologies, care needs to be taken to retain sufficient amateur frequencies to permit existing users to continue. Yours Ian M Waters C.Eng. MIET, G3KKD.