

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:

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?:

Good spectrum management is a good thing and the currently it is difficult to argue for the retention of the release bands as secondary amateur allocations.

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?:

Not that I know of, No.

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?:

The biggest concern of the proposed changes to these allocations would be the loss of a part of the spectrum which provides relatively straightforward access to radio amateurs.

If the total removal of the 2.3-3.4Ghz spectrum would mean significant financial loss of the

investment I have made in equipment for this band and I have no doubt others too have made. It is also unlikely this kit would not be adaptable for use in other parts of the spectrum and thus would end up being scrapped.

The inband TV repeaters in the proposed 10Mhz allocation I fear will not be practicle. Although maybe a TV repeater with 3.4Gh output with an input from another band might well work.

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?:

We should not forget the great benefits of amateurs experimenting in ATV, narrowband activity etc whilst they may not have direct financial rewards for society or business today their research often in time evolves into areas of the future that without their accumaltive research may have never seen the light of day.

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?:

In two words "Band Planning" is the answer to this - I think the RSGB and the various interest groups such as BATC, microwave group etc need to put together a coherent plan for all users which provides best practise with least compromise. This was worked with great effect on other voice bands for years and I no reason why it should not be sucessful for the future.

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?:

Historically variations on our licence had been used to address specific issues, I cannot agree that a blanket change of all licences is the right way forward.

The bands in question are by their nature attractive to the more experienced and technically capable radio amateur who in turn has access to test equipment to ensure their transmissions do not cause issues to other users. Additionally the support services of the BATC and its memebers further enhance that standpoint.

I feel positive that if and when needed variations should be made on a case by case basis not implemented on all regardless.

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

The prefered option is a compromise which whilst not compleley desirable is acceptable to me. I believe amateurs should have continuing access to the frequency range to continue their experimentation and self learning. the loss of these would be a sad day for radio communication.

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?:

An Amateur Radio Licence already addresses interference to other services. I cannot see any further variations of that licence would make any difference in changing the risk of harmful interference.