

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?:

Yes I do, but managing the spectrum so all can benefit rather than exclude a particular group is the best way forward

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?:

None that I am aware of

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?:

Considerable. The loss of one of the most important parts of the spectrum would be a major disaster for those that have spent a great deal of time, effort and money developing state of the art equipment to further understand propagation characteristics of the various bands and frequencies.

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?:

Radio Amateurs are the forefront of communication technology, such as scattering signals from space objects, building and using satellite technology. Producing digital applications for weak signal communications. Many of these techniques and skills have significant benefit to industry and the country.

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?:

Assuming the LTE base stations are suitable filtered against adjacent signals I don't see an issue, as there is ample knowledge and expertise within the various microwave groups to ensure amateur transmitters are operated and maintained to the highest degree.

Please bare in mind that many radio amateurs are in fact professional engineers of the like that are designing, installing and maintaining the LTE base stations.

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?:

The existing licence already allows for varying degrees of action based upon the individual merit of each case. I do not agree to varying licence on bases of a few cases. Bare in mind, there are not that many radio amateurs on the microwaves bands compared to the lower frequencies.

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

Yes, better to have less than none

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?:

The current licence is quite specific in regard to not causing interference. I cannot see any changes that would add to what is already there.