

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Martin

Surname:

Broadway

Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

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:

My main interest in amateur radio is in making use of the wide range of propagation modes from HF through V/UHF to SHF. If amateurs are to lose spectrum at 2.3 & 3.4 GHz would it be possible to gain some spectrum elsewhere? Even very narrow segments would be useful. I would be particularly interested in an allocation in the upper VHF around 200MHz.

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 that this will be the case due to the far greater number of consumers relative to radio amateurs.

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?:

I am not aware of any other uses.

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

No, I think your analysis has been detailed and well considered.

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 consequences would have a detrimental effect on amateur experimentation in the construction and use of equipment and with the modes of propagation in this part of the radio spectrum.

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?:

I am not aware of any.

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?:

Without detailed knowledge of the transmission systems that will be used it is not possible to prove that amateur transmissions will not interfere with LTE.

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?:

I am concerned that the conditions would be varied without any consultations with amateurs. I am also concerned that if there are a large number of reports of interference for which the sources cannot be easily identified as amateur or non amateur then our licences might be varied anyway as a precautionary measure.

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

I think the Ofcm preferred option is the best of the stated options.

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?:

No I think the existing conditions of the amateur licence are sufficient to minimise the risk of interference to other users.