

Title:

Mr

Forename:

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Surname:

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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:

I am concerned that these proposals will adversely affect my primary hobby, which is the construction and use of equipment for transmitting and receiving amateur TV.

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?:

No. I am concerned that the Release of Spectrum will adversely impact the use of WiFi by consumers and citizens in the already-congested 2.4GHz Band. It will also create a disincentive for any amateur use of the band, with knock-on effects for the future body of professional expertise in the UK.

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

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

Yes. The impact of the removing of the release bands from amateur licences on analogue ATV and analogue ATV Repeaters has not been given sufficient consideration. I (and many of my colleagues) have a considerable financial and intellectual investment in these techniques in the release bands which would be written off if the proposals were to be accepted.

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?:

This option would invalidate many years of personal knowledge-building and equipment construction, and deny the use of the 2.3GHz amateur band for international communication. It would be a kick in the teeth for amateur radio.

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?:

No

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?:

Yes. The cost of spectrum analysers and similar test equipment continues to fall, with a much greater penetration into amateur radio circles. The increased availability of such test equipment should be taken into account.

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?:

No. The existing procedures have proved adequate.

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

I would prefer no change, but if there has to be change the preferred option is best.

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, but more flexibility and improved speed in the issue of NoVs would enable OFCOM to better influence the amateur spectrum usage.