

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Question 1:Do you agree with the proposed approach for spectrum management?:

Yes we agree with Ofcom's proposed approach (Option-2) regarding a managed release, rather than no release or an award process.

Question 2:Do you agree with the proposed approach for Business Radio assignments?:

In general we agree with the proposed approach. However, along with other Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Response we operate stations in the Business Radio (Simple UK) licence category and observe increasing congestion in the Mid-Band frequencies available in that licence during major public events and so suggest additional spectrum may be required in future for this licence category.

**Question 3:Do you agree with the proposal to allocate spectrum for Maritime and/or Land Search and Rescue use?
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We support the proposal to allocate spectrum to our colleagues in the Maritime and LANDSAR services.

Question 4:Do you agree with the proposal to make some spectrum not currently assigned to other applications available on a temporary for Amateur Radio use with these restrictions?:

Yes. we welcome the proposal to make some spectrum not currently assigned to other applications available for Amateur Radio use as set out in Annex 7 of the Ofcom document which we note is 'technology neutral'. This will allow a majority of members and groups the opportunity to use this extra spectrum for wide area 'talkthrough' links avoiding the congestion found on the 144-146MHz bands on some weekends as well as experimentation with digital systems without desensing existing analogue frequencies.