

Ministry of Defence

Additional comments:

The MOD response is specifically to questions 1 & 2 and has no comment to make in respect of questions 3 to 18.

Question 1: Do you agree with our proposal to award the 3.4 GHz band in a way that is consistent with an unpaired (TDD-compatible) band plan only, and to make this decision sooner rather than later? If not, please set out your reasons and any evidence for your view.:

Yes.

Question 2: Do you agree with our proposal to vary UK Broadband's licence so that it encompasses the frequencies 3560-3600 MHz instead of 3480-3500 and 3580-3600 MHz?:

Yes, the Ministry of Defence agrees with the proposal that UK Broadband's licence might be varied to encompass 3560-3600MHz instead of 3480-3500 and 3580-3600MHz. Defence believes such a change will enable more of the spectrum released in the 3410 to 3600MHz band to be actively used by any future holder and that it is therefore an appropriate adjustment in line with the Government's declared aim to stimulate economic growth by releasing 500 MHz of public sector spectrum below 5GHz by 2020.

Question 3: Do you have any specific interest in the 3560-3580 MHz block in preference to any other 20 MHz block within the available 150MHz? If so please give your reasons and any supporting evidence.:

Question 4: Do you have any specific interest in acquiring a licence to use frequencies in either or both of the bands to be awarded?:

Question 5: How much spectrum would you be interested in acquiring? (What is the minimum and maximum amount of spectrum of interest to you?):

Question 6: Which of the two bands would you be interested in: 2.3 GHz, 3.4 GHz or both?:

Question 7: Are there specific parts of the bands you are interested in and if so what are they?:

Question 8: What do you envisage using the spectrum for (e.g. 4G services or other applications)?:

Question 9: Where would you expect to use the spectrum (Great Britain-wide or in specific geographical areas)?:

Question 10: What types of device would you want to use the spectrum for, and when would they be available?:

Question 11: When would you expect to make use of the spectrum?:

Question 12: Do you have any comments on the method of award, such as combinatorial clock auction?:

Question 13: Do you have any comments on whether a cap on the amount of spectrum that could be acquired through this award would be appropriate?:

Question 14: Do you have any preference for spectrum packaging, for example block size?:

Question 15: Do you have any views on the non-technical licence conditions discussed in this document, including coverage and roll-out and 'use it or lose it'?:

Question 16: What do you consider would be the optimal timing for the award?:

Question 17: Are there any reasons why these bands should be assigned for low-power use? Would such uses be appropriate even if purchasing a licence for low-power use would cost the same as for high- power use?:

Question 18: Will you use this spectrum for backhaul? If so, please state the minimum contiguous block you would require.: