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Mrs

Forename:

Surname:

Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

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:

Hi,

As an amateur radio operator, i'm finding both the 2 meter and 70cm allocation unused in most places in my area of Kent. There has been a large demand for a VHF based CB band which has since been discussed at length and found unsuitable for several reasons.

So this brings about this question, being as there is already a PMR446 allocation that's been in use for several years, why not look into either expanding its limitations in terms of antenna sizes, not having a fixed antenna and possibly a higher power level than the current 0.5 watts limit? Or failing that, look into a proper spectrum efficient UHF cb allocation? DPMR446 has been around for sometime and with the usage of DCS and CTCSS I can't see that having less restrictions on the current 8 channel analogue 446mhz band would be a problem as such, also it's already an established band with lots of users and it's relatively cheap to get involved in and the equipment is widely available and cheap to buy.

70cms on the other hand where I live is for better words is dead!! Such a waste of spectrum not being used and this seems to be persistent through the country.

Question 1: Do you agree with Aegis's conclusions on congestion of current use of 420-470 MHz spectrum? Are there any other signs or areas of congestion that Aegis have not identified from their review?:

Yes, I agree they do need to look into the band allocation.

Question 2: Do you agree with Aegis's conclusions on the future demand and use of 420-470 MHz spectrum over the next ten years? Are there any other future uses or areas for future demand that Aegis have not identified from their review?:

See my comment above regarding PMR446, please look into the matter at hand.

Question 3: Do you agree with Aegis's conclusions that there is not yet any UK demand for wideband services in the 450-470 MHz band (which could for example, be used to improve rural mobile coverage)? Please provide any supporting evidence for your position.:

Question 4: Have you experienced degradation in your systems? performance which you consider to be caused by continental interference in the last 12 months? If yes, what approach did you take towards managing and minimising interference?

Please provide any supporting evidence which explains the frequency, impact, duration, time, location and cause (whether suspected or investigated) of the interference with respect to your specific sector(s).:

Question 5: Is there additional information relevant to the

configuration of the 420-470 MHz band that we should consider in developing our approach to its future management? Please provide any evidence to support your views.:

Question 6: Do you agree with the potential solutions Aegis have proposed for managing the 420-470 MHz band to both meet the continued growth in congestion and demand from incumbent spectrum users, and to facilitate the deployment of wideband technologies? Are there any other solutions which you consider we should examine that Aegis have not identified from their review?

Please provide any evidence to support your position and reference each solution in your response as appropriate.:

Question 7: Do you have any further comments relevant to how we might manage spectrum between 420-470 MHz? :

See above statement.

Question 8: Do you have any comments on our proposed programme of work, the outcomes from which we will use to inform future decisions on how we manage the 420-470 MHz band? Are there any additional areas you consider we should explore?: