

representing:

Organisation

Organisation (if applicable):

Haliar & District Amateur Radio Society

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:

The proposals were discussed at club meetings and the responses are a majority decision of the members

Question 1: Do you agree with the proposal to include, as a matter of course, the 470 kHz and 5 MHz bands into the Licence for all Amateur Radio (Full) licensees?:

Yes

Question 2: Do you agree that expressly linking a Full (Club) Licensee's authorisation to use the spectrum to his or her representation of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

Yes

Question 3: Do you agree that Ofcom should include a further ground of revocation in the Licence as proposed above in order better to align Clause 4 with the definition of 'Disqualified Person'?:

Yes

Question 4:Do you agree that the word ?automatically? should be removed from Clause 4(5) of the Licence, in relation to the revocation of the Licence for failure to comply with the revalidation requirements?:

Yes

Question 5:Do you agree that Clause 15 of the Licence should be updated to reflect the wording included in Ofcom?s General Licence Conditions Booklet?:

Yes

We feel that any future imposition of a charge, for example an annual fee, may have a detrimental effect on recruiting young members to amateur radio

Question 6:Do you agree that Clause 13 of the Licence should be amended to allow for a simpler, more flexible approach for identifying Amateur Radio stations?:

No

We feel that the present procedure should be made more strict. We feel that station ID is mandatory at shorter intervals than at present, say every 10 minutes, would be beneficial. In addition, the different requirements for the 5MHz band is confusing. We feel that a consistent requirement across all bands is best.

Question 7:Given the current uncertainty amongst Radio Amateur licensees in relation to Clause 2(2), do you believe that it would be a practical solution for Ofcom to remove this Clause and to insert additional wording into Clause 13, as proposed above?:

No

We feel that the use of Regional Secondary Locators and suffixes should be clarified but not dispensed with. We feel that the use of RSLs should be mandatory to indicate the current location of the station, i.e. where the station is transmitting from, and that a suffix should be used to indicate when the station is operating away from the registered home location or QTH. RSLs are helpful to locate the station geographically and radio amateurs are accustomed to their use.

Question 8:Do you agree with Ofcom?s proposal to amend Clause 2(3) of the Licence to require Intermediate licensees to transmit a call sign that reflects the location of their main station?:

No

As in the response to Q7 we feel that the use of RSLs should be mandatory to indicate the current location of the station, i.e. where the station is transmitting from, and that a suffix

should be used to indicate when the station is operating away from the registered home location or QTH.

Question 9:Do you agree that replacing Clauses 2(1) and 16(1) with a new Clause to simplify and bring together all of the licence conditions relating to the operation of radio equipment away from the Main Station address will make these provisions clearer?:

Yes

Question 10:Do you agree that the proposed changes will clarify RAYNET operation under the Licence?:

Yes