

**Title:**

Mr

**Forename:**

Steve

**Surname:**

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**Representing:**

Self

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Email:**

**What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:**

Keep organisation 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:**

**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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?:**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

**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 - in my opinion the current requirements for identifying the station by use of the call sign are not adhered to and to relax these further will only serve to reduce many radio contacts to the equivalent of telephone conversations with little ability to identify the stations.

**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 - I believe that the RSL's are an important identifier and indeed should be used to identify the actual location of the transmitting station, not the main station address. For VHF/UHF operation the RSL is very important for identifying the direction to beam when hearing a weak signal and for all bands removing the RSL potentially puts at risk the individual DXCC entity for each country.

**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 - I believe that the call sign should reflect where they are operating from, not their main station address.

**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?:**

I am not sufficiently familiar with RAYNET operation to comment on these proposed changes.