

**Q1 response:**

**No – Not as proposed.** I agree that the bands should be made available to all Full Licencees but in exactly the same way as other bands to which amateurs have access on a Secondary basis. The standard wording applicable to other amateur bands should suffice i.e:

“Secondary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services inside and outside the UK”

Furthermore some of the proposed clauses set concerning precedents that if subsequently applied to other bands would radically change specific aspects of amateur radio in the UK. Of particular concern is Paragraph 2.26.6, which should be omitted entirely, as well as the phrase ‘electronic equipment’ in 2.26.3

With respect to Paragraph 2.26.6, near-field measurements at these frequencies are very difficult to determine with any accuracy and in any case are irrelevant at the power levels in use. Clause (e) in Notes to Schedule1 of the existing licence is sufficient and does not need to be reinforced in relation to the 472kHz entry.

**Q5 Para 15 response:**

UK Amateur Radio either has a FREE licence, which Ofcom itself forcibly introduced, to use the Internationally agreed Amateur Radio Frequency Allocations, or it does NOT.

Changing the wording to something that will basically give Ofcom Carte-blanc to do what they feel, regarding licence fees at any given time, is personally not acceptable.

Ofcom having introduced the FREE licence for life, now seem to edging towards the re-introduction of a Licence fee, at what cost ? At 74 years of age I cannot afford to pay more than a nominal licence fee, but as it is now free, I certainly would object to now having a fee imposed.

**Q6 response:**

**No – Not as proposed.** The call sign should be stated at the start and end of every contact (QSO and clear definition of callsign usage and the current maximum interval of 15-minutes should be retained. However the requirements that a station must be clearly identifiable at all times and that the identity be given in a format consistent with the modulation in use are supported (but that specific terms such as voice or Morse Code should not be used).

**Q7 response:**

**No – there is no need to change current mandated and widely accepted practice.** Any change of current practice will lead to both confusion and disruption both nationally and internationally. To do otherwise would do away with more than 50 years

of practice, widely understood throughout the world and would create far more confusion than is currently alleged to exist

***Q8 response:***

**No I disagree** – All call sign classes should be treated in the same way by retaining the current clause in respect of the callsign prefix.