

**Representing:**

Self

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**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:**

Thanks for taking the time to consult with the actual users of the Amateur Radio Licence.

**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?:**

No - not quite. Very happy for these bands to become incorporated into the main list of allocations but why is there a need to re-word the terms and conditions. I would propose retaining the present phrases about non-interference that apply to our existing band allocations and are well understood by current users.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?:**

I agree - The allocation of a callsign for the user of a club is a attribute of the club like its name. Whilst there needs to be a responsible individual to oversee the use of the club callsign - there should be a mandatoy process to had this responsibility over should that individual cease to be a member. Should there be no suitable recipient available, then the callsign should lapse. There still should be a process whereby the callsign can be reclaimed later by another club member if desired.

**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??:**

Agreed

**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?:**

Agreed - its no different from the callsign lapsing if the owner failed to pay and renew it in the old days !!

**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?:**

I am neutral about this but see no issue with leaving this as is.

**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 - not quite. We already have the requirement to ID the station every 15 minutes and the method of modulating that ID is widely accepted. The callsign must be clear, and in an appropriate modulation for the mode in use, and with a maximum period of 15 minutes.

**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 - there is no need and in fact there is detriment with this change. The local variation of a call gives very useful information about a station's location even on a temporary basis. It serves a very useful purpose and should not be made optional as serious confusion results. By hearing a Scottish prefix on the south coast of UK on 2 meters will provoke serious expectations of good propagation - very misleading if the operator is just down by the seaside on holiday!

**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 - for my reasons above.

**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?:**

Agreed

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

Agreed