

**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:**

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:**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

A Club Call should be owned / controlled by the club. It should still have a person who is responsible for that licence, but it should be a club official position eg Club Secretary.

**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?:**

NO, as many people still do not have Internet Access.

I see the problem of people believing a "Lifetime Licence" is just that. They don't understand that it needs revalidating every 5 years.

I have found several people locally who thought this.

However, I do understand the need to keep the database up to date and to have records that are accurate.

Perhaps a letter after a specified period to the licensee before they have their license revoked.

**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?:**

**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?:**

Yes

**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?:**

I believe the current RSL issue can be confusing.

I think ALL licences should be issued WITHOUT the RSL.

All callsigns are unique eg G9XXX and GW9XXX are not different licensees under the current system. So this should not be a problem to make this sort of change.

Then make it a licence condition to use the RSL when you are operating in those areas. For those that live in a certain area it will probably mean no change, but when operating in another area then they use the appropriate RSL in their callsign.

The RSL is a vital identifier for Contests and Awards, and giving the option NOT to use it will make it difficult for people engaging in those activities.

I also understand there are stations with incorrectly issued licences that live (say for example) in Wales that have been issued with a plain G9XXX call, where it should be GW9XXX.

Removing the RSL from the licence, and making it mandatory to be used when active in that area would simplify the system, and still retain its use for contests and awards etc.

**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?:**

**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?:**

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

Anything that makes Raynets job with the emergency services has to be the right thing to do. When peoples lives are at stake (eg Mountain Rescue or major disaster) then there should be licence conditions that completely support the full integration of the Amateur into the emergency communications system.

As an aside, I am NOT a member of Raynet.