

Your response

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Question 1: Do you agree with the proposal to license drone equipment rather than to licence exempt? If you disagree, please provide the evidence that would support any disagreement with the proposals.	Disagree. The technology is accessible by every member of the public, i.e. talking about 4G/5G networks. Why should a drone operator pay Ofcom for a licence when every person can walk into a store, get a SIM card contract with any of the networks and use this on capable drones. It is just Ofcom trying to extract money from another industry with no additional benefits given to those paying the fee. The infrastructure is already there, so the fee a drone operator would need to pay will go to what exactly?
Question 2: Do you agree with the on the proposed authorisation approach for UAS? If you disagree, please provide the evidence that would support any disagreement with the proposals.	Disagree. It is already difficult enough to deal with the CAA, having to jump through hoops and overcome hurdles, involving a lot of money, just to add another agency (who has no idea about the industry) to put more barriers in the way and extract more money.
Question 3: Do you have any comments on the proposed licence conditions?	Why should a drone operator pay for a licence to use infrastructure that every member of the public has access to via normal mobile phone networks.

Question 4: Do you have any comments on the proposed list of equipment and associated conditions?	You have put a blanket statement about the 'equipment' that might be used. Is this to capture any tech that might be used by drone operators so Ofcom can charge them?
Question 5: Do you agree with Ofcom's assessment on whether to introduce UAS operator licences? If you disagree, please provide further information.	Ofcom's assessment is purely based on money and getting another income source. At no point is it mentioned how it will help drone operators, but merely throwing another barrier in the way.