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Radio is of vital importance to hang gliding and paragliding pilots. (For example, I myself have been hang gliding in the Pyrenees and had cause to use the radio when I saw another hang glider land badly 2000' below me, and then he didn't move. The other pilot didn't respond (he was incapacitated with a broken arm) but my attempted radio communication with him immediately alerted everyone, including the retrieve driver, to the situation. Excellent use of radio!)

I am aware that abroad some pilots tend to use 2m channels around 143 MHz. Is this band legal in the UK? (The 2m band is ideally suited to air and ground comms in mountainous terrain)

Anyway, without prejudice to any possible proposals that may be on the table for the stakeholders feedback for this band from a more qualified and more competent person (I don't know, for example, if any officer from the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association has approached Ofcom about this) could some consideration be given to authorising the use of 143 - 144 Mz (say) for hang gliding and paragliding use.