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Forename:

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Representing:

Organisation (if applicable):

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What do you want Ofcom 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

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

Yes

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you consider that our proposed fee rates for licences in the aeronautical VHF frequencies are appropriate?:

No, by increasing the cost you risk reducing the amount of aeronautical stations, thus risking the lives of Pilots and public. The radio frequencies provide a valuable service in maintaining safe and suitable distances around airfields

Question 2: In devising our revised proposals, have we identified all of the aeronautical uses of VHF communications frequencies which require a distinct approach to fee setting, as set out in tables 5 and 6?:

Question 3: Do you agree with our proposal not to charge any fees for Fire assignments?:

Yes

Question 4: Do you agree with our proposal to set a £75 fee for licences in any of the sporting frequencies?:

No

Question 5: Do you agree with our proposal to set an annual fee of £19,800 per ACARS or VDL assignment, with no variation related to the number of transmitters?:

Question 6: Do you consider that our proposed approach to phasing in fees for use of the aeronautical VHF communications channels are appropriate? If there are particular reasons why you consider that any user or group of users would need longer phasing-in periods, please provide any supporting evidence for us to consider. Specifically, do you have any evidence for us to consider that would support either of Options 1 and 2 for the highest proposed fee in this sector?:

At a time when the general public are struggling with finances, there is an obvious knock on effect for the many airfields that use VHF Communications. This could lead to airfields being unable to remain self sufficient and going out of business, a longer phase should be considered.

Whilst I agree that frequencies should be changed to the 8.33khz, this will have an impact on aircraft owners, so a long phase-in would be essential for this.

Question 7: Do you have any further quantified information to contribute to the analysis of financial impacts of the proposed fees on particular spectrum users, as set out in Annex 5? We would like to publish all responses, but will respect the confidentiality of any material which is clearly marked as such.:

Question 8: Do you consider that our assessment of the impacts of our proposals has taken full account of relevant factors? If you consider that there is additional evidence that would indicate particular impacts we should take into account, we would be grateful if you could provide this.:

No, please see answer to Q1. I think the money making scheme may endanger lives and hinder students wishing to develop a career in aviation. Radio use is one of the essential skills that requires regular use to be comfortable using at essential times. It may also impact when an emergency situation is called, both when MAYDAY or PAN PAN is called and also, for example, when emergency rescue services need to transit through a busy traffic zone.

