

**Title:**

Mr

**Forename:**

**Surname:**

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**Representing:**

Organisation

**Organisation (if applicable):**

Rugby Flying Services

**Email:**

**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:**

You may publish my response on receipt

**Additional comments:**

I learned to fly in 1958, when little or no RTF was in use.

Subsequently I spent 16 years in the RAF as a General Duties Officer (Pilot) and some 19 years as an Airline Pilot and still, at the age of 69.7, hold a valid ATPL and Flight Instructor rating

I have spent a significant amount of time since 1982 in General Aviation, so I feel that I

can speak from experience!

I am most keen on the 'young' learning to use RT properly and effectively and to that end wish to say that I am NOT against a fee for a fixed base installation such as AFIS or A/G, as they both contribute to flight safety.

We already have too few GA airfields in UK and a high fee for such a facility would cause many to close for ever.

Now that unlicensed airfields can now be used for flight training, you should be ACTIVELY promoting the use of RT. At the moment, I pay some £ 145 annually for a licence to watch (mainly rubbish) TV. I think that, even a minor, not for profit airfield, could afford that sort of annual fee.

The idea of charging £2600 is preposterous.

Please excuse my grammar and spelling as I am short of a lot of 'little grey cells'

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

Certainly NOT

**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?:**

Doubtful

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

Please consider no fee for any emergency AND practice ie, Practice Pan

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

probably, considering my comments above

**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?:**

NO

**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?:**

NO, please see my comment

**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.:**

no

**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.:**

Flight safety has not been considered