

Dear Ofcom

I am the editor of *Flight Safety* magazine and have been a General Aviation pilot and aircraft operator for many years.

So far as applying the AIP to the VHF com aviation sector is concerned your conception of how matters work seem ill informed and misconceived. You must be aware that frequencies are allocated by a world authority and that if frequencies are abandoned, they revert for redistribution to that authority, It is difficult to see how such an outcome would benefit other spectrum users of any sort within the UK.

The actual outcome of your proposals within General Aviation would be a significant reduction in the number of ground stations, which would significantly increase the incidence of mid air collisions between users of smaller airfields, where radio is a prime facilitator of mutual awareness between aircraft using the same airfield and their ordering by an air traffic controller so as to maintain a safe environment.

It is very difficult to construe you apparent intentions as anything other than the devising of an argument based upon false premises with the real agenda of generating income stream, regardless of international arrangements or the likely affect upon flight safety.

Yours truly

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