

**Mr A Bryant**

**Response to Consultation Question:**

Question 4.1: Do you agree with our proposal to conduct a market led award through an auction process for licensed use of the 2.3 and 3.4 GHz bands? If not, please provide evidence to counter this proposal.

No

Any interference with Bluetooth signals used for Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) with Hearing loss will be detrimental to many patients currently using Bluetooth and hearing aids as a key mechanism for optimising hearing. Many cannot hear on the phone, join in with popular media and television, or potentially hear well in meetings without ALD which depend on a good blue tooth link on similar bands. This dependence will only be growing as the technology for hearing loss patients improves and grows more interlinked with blue booth bands. Many children utilise blue tooth for learning and socialising and many work aged patients are able to be more involved and productive in employment as a result of recent technology blue tooth based breakthroughs.