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## Consultation response form

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<b>Consultation title</b>	Improving access to 5.8 GHz spectrum for broadband fixed wireless access
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## Your response

<b>Question 1: Do you agree with our assessment of current road tolling use in the 5.8 GHz band in the UK? Is there other current and future planned use that we are not aware of?</b>	Confidential? – N  Yes. In Scotland in particular I believe this spectrum to be essentially unused.
<b>Question 2: Do you agree with our analysis of the options for managing sharing between BFWA and RTTT? Are there additional options which we have not considered which in your opinion would result in a better balance of benefits and risks?</b>	Confidential? – N  Yes. In Scotland, particularly in rural areas, there is nothing to argue against sharing this band.

<b>Question 3: Do you agree with our proposal to remove the notch and allow BFWA use in the whole of the 5.8GHz band?</b>	Confidential? – N  Yes.  Spectrum, particularly in the 4W upper portion of the 5.8GHz band, is a very scarce resource that is heavily used for broadband provision in rural and remote parts of the country. Relief would be very welcome.
<b>Question 4: Are there any other considerations that you believe need to be taken into account and that are not already covered in this consultation?</b>	Confidential? – N  The notch is inconveniently placed with 70MHz below and 35MHz above useable for BFWA. Even where voluntary spectrum coordination happens at dense installations, this arrangement prevents efficient allocation in 20MHz bands for the lower portion and even 10MHz bands for the upper. Allowing the use of 5795-5815 would therefore facilitate more efficient sharing among BFWA users.

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