

Thank you for the further consultation and for hosting the bilateral meetings we have had over the last few weeks. As you will be aware, this spectrum is used for passive remote sensing from space and that these measurements made within these bands are important inputs to weather forecasting and climate studies. It is therefore vital that the coexistence is demonstrated.

In our earlier response we identified some concerns around the coexistence analysis that led to this further consultation containing additional details about the technical analysis. Subsequent discussions with Ofcom identified that some additional studies were needed in order to be confident that the necessary protection of the passive measurements is achieved. We understand that Ofcom are doing additional studies on this. At this point in time, we have not yet seen the outcome from that additional analysis. Therefore we think it is too early to conclude and suggest the consultation be extended to allow time for that work to be completed and to confirm that coexistence will be achieved.