

Cover sheet for response to an Ofcom consultation

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Consultation title: Spectrum Pricing

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Signed (if hard copy)

11th March 2010

Sir,

I have recently read about the spectrum pricing proposals in the General Aviation (GA) press with considerable disquiet.

It appears that an initial consultation was carried out last year, about which I was completely unaware. As a significant stakeholder in the consultation process – holding both professional (ATPL(H)) and private (PPL(A)) licenses – I believe I should have received a notification of this consultation by Ofcom.

This could quite simply have been coordinated with the Civil Aviation Authority.

Both I, and all my fellow airspace users (including the general public on the ground) will face a very significant and inevitable threat to Flight Safety if spectrum pricing at this level is approved. There is no impact assessment on GA airfields, glider and microlight sites documented in the Helios report – why not? How can the report be considered complete without a common-sense approach which would include such operations?

Had the GA press not written about the forthcoming proposal, I could well have gone flying one day and found that the majority of GA radio-equipped airfields were either closed, or not answering their radio. I am quite sure that many, many GA airfield operators will be scrapping their radios for economic reasons, should this outrageous proposal be implemented.

I have read all 54 responses to consultation that are available on the consultation website to date. I suspect that the majority of respondents are as angry as I am about the 'consultation' and its Orwellian proposals for more stealth taxation of the Nation. A fully considered response would take me a very long time to write.

I therefore wish to add my name to the responses given by Denham and by Wellesbourne Mountford airfields, both of which present cogent argument, and both of which I fully support.

Yours faithfully,
D Reid