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Representing:

Organisation

Organisation (if applicable):

Rural Flying Corps Ltd

Email:

What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you consider that our proposed fee rates for licences in the aeronautical VHF frequencies are appropriate?:

Absolutley not £2,600 for an Air/Ground radio is preposterous. The way our A/G radio is used is no different from the way the next door airfield use their radio for

their gliding activities. How can you propose £2,600 for us and £75 for them? Also you should note that our A/G radio is used to communicate with our fire vehicle during any emergency call outs.

Question 2: In devising our revised proposals, have we identified all of the aeronautical uses of VHF communications frequencies which require a distinct approach to fee setting, as set out in tables 5 and 6?:

Probably.

Question 3: Do you agree with our proposal not to charge any fees for Fire assignments?:

Yes.

Question 4: Do you agree with our proposal to set a £75 fee for licences in any of the sporting frequencies?:

No absolutely not these frequencies are used for flight safety issues and the fee would be a disincentive to using a radio.

Question 5: Do you agree with our proposal to set an annual fee of £19,800 per ACARS or VDL assignment, with no variation related to the number of transmitters?:

Wholly outrageous.

Question 6: Do you consider that our proposed approach to phasing in fees for use of the aeronautical VHF communications channels are appropriate? If there are particular reasons why you consider that any user or group of users would need longer phasing-in periods, please provide any supporting evidence for us to consider. Specifically, do you have any evidence for us to consider that would support either of Options 1 and 2 for the highest proposed fee in this sector?:

Absolutely not we as a small flight school/flying club could not possibly afford £2,600 for our Air/Ground radio however long it takes to phase in. In fact the £400 fee in year one will be hard to take as we will be lucky if we break even this financial year.

Question 7: Do you have any further quantified information to contribute to the analysis of financial impacts of the proposed fees on particular spectrum users, as set out in Annex 5? We would like to publish all responses, but will respect the confidentiality of any material which is clearly marked as such.:

No.

Question 8: Do you consider that our assessment of the impacts of our proposals has taken full account of relevant factors? If you consider that there is additional evidence that would indicate particular impacts we should take into account, we would be grateful if you could provide this.:

Not at all. If you force all small airfields to give up their radios which will be the end result of your ridiculous charges then this will have a serious impact on flight safety for light aircraft.