

Plextek

Question 1: Do you agree with our proposal to create a new innovation licence class?:

Agree. Although the innovation licence would provide users and developers to explore new technologies (in the case of Plextek, for example, the Blighter radar product) without the restrictions of a site specific development licence, if the product were to prove commercially viable then the innovation licence class does not provide for the continued operation of the equipment, a full licence then being required. We would therefore support a further proposal that provides for a transition from an innovation licence to a permanent licence.

Question 2: Do you agree with our proposal to grant innovation licences on a first-come-first-served basis?:

Agree based on the risk mitigation options specified in 4.19 of the consultation document.

Question 3: Do you agree with our proposal that innovation licences be service and technology neutral:

Agree

Question 4: Do you agree with our proposal that innovation licences should include a 'non-interference-protected' licence condition:

Agree

Question 5: Do you agree with our proposal that, in general, innovation licences have an indefinite duration:

Agree

Question 6: Do you agree with our proposal that innovation licences have no initial period?:

Agree

Question 7: Do you agree with our proposal that innovation licences have a minimum notice period for variation or revocation on spectrum-management grounds of one year?:

Agree. Having a minimum notice period would provide the opportunity to discuss the grounds of the revocation or variation in the innovation licences between the associated parties.

Question 8: Do you agree with our proposals for varying or revoking innovation licences during the minimum notice period?:

Agree due to the reasons specified in the consultation paper, namely;

? with the licensee's consent;

? for non-payment or late payment of the licence fee;

? if there has been a breach of any of the terms of the licence;

? if the licensee has not complied with any requirement of any relevant trading regulations;

? in the interests of national security or for the purposes of complying with a Community obligation of the UK or with any international agreement or arrangements to which the UK is party; and

? for the purpose of complying with a direction made by the Secretary of State

Question 9: Do you agree with our proposal to allow only outright total transfers of innovation licences:

Agree

Question 10: Do you agree with our proposal to charge a fixed fee of £2,000 per innovation licence per year?:

Agree

Additional comments:

none