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N/A

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

Question 1:Do you agree with Ofcom?s proposal to license digital self helps for areas currently served by a self help relay, and how we propose to make available licences? If not, please give your reasons.:

Yes,
We agree with this proposal.

Question 2: Do you agree with Ofcom?s proposal to license digital self helps for areas not currently served by a self help relay, and how we propose to make available licences? If not, please give your reasons.:

Yes,
We agree with this proposal

Question 3: Do you agree with how Ofcom proposes to deal with the frequency planning for self help relays? If not, please give your reasons.:

Yes, we agree with this proposal but to enable forward engineering planning we would like to know the frquency band(s) proposed for the West of Scotland - Argyll & Bute Northern area.

Question 4: Do you agree with Ofcom?s proposed fee for WTA licences for self help relays? If not, please give your reasons.:

No, we emphatically do NOT agree with this level of licence fee; in previous years we paid £10 for 5 years! This proposal is an increase of 7.5 times.
We are a small rural group and thus we only have a small income to cover the licence and maintenance.
As a radio amateur I now get a lifetime licence for free; why cannot this approach be taken for self help relays?

Additional comments:

The quality of analogue signal provided to our relay (SH 286) from Torosay via Damally is poor even though our main relay station is line of site with Damally. It is our understanding that digital will require a higher signal strenth for satisfactoty reception at our relay?
What proposals are there to improve the signal from Damally?