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**Question 1: Do stakeholders agree with the proposals for the award of licences in the 10 GHz, 28 GHz and 32 GHz bands in 2007?:**

Not entirely. I am concerned that the proposals do not take account of planned future developments in the amateur satellite field. There are currently two major projects planned by AMSAT-DL (Germany) that will make use of the 10GHz band, namely the P3E and P5A satellites. The latter is the first amateur interplanetary mission, including a Mars Orbiter and atmospheric balloon.

The presence of local terrestrial high power signals in this band could well render it impossible for UK amateurs to receive signals from these satellites.

It would be a significant loss if UK amateurs were not able to participate in these projects as a result of the present proposals. The Mars Orbiter in particular offers a great opportunity for the amateur community to engage and enthuse UK youth in a technical field. Planetary missions always attract high public interest.

Although the Amateur Satellite Service is a Secondary User of the 10GHz band, I urge Ofcom to consider ways in which the present proposals can be framed so as not to preclude future UK participation in these cutting edge technical endeavours.

**Question 2: Do stakeholders agree with the proposal to include in the award of the 32 GHz band that portion of the band that has been open since 2003 for point-to-point applications?:** No comment

**Question 3: Do stakeholders agree with the proposals to defer the release of the 40 GHz band and review the position in two years? time?:** No comment

**Question 4: Do stakeholders have any other comments on the contents of this document?:** No

**Additional comments:** None