

Consultation questions (and answers)

Question 1: Do you agree with our proposed approach towards registered fixed link and satellite earth stations users of the 3.6GHz to 3.8GHz band?

Yes, however if a geographically non-uniform approach were adopted to the introduction of 5G services into the band, as set out further below, the re-location of existing users could be deferred for many years, to the advantage of those existing services.

Question 2: Do you have any comments on our assessment of the likely costs and benefits of our proposed approach?

In assessing the benefits gained by deployment of 5G services in the band, optimum benefit will be delivered by adopting a non-uniform licensing approach. By maximising the allocation of spectrum on as small a granularity as is practically possible (considering for example buildings, developments and postcode sectors as units of allocation), a far higher benefit can be delivered than a traditional 'national' allocation.

A multi-tiered licensing approach, including some unconventional techniques, may reconcile the needs of differing stakeholders.