

*Does the Board consider that given the need for a positive working relationship with Ofcom, the RSGB is hampered in vigorously pursuing matters where Ofcom consistently fails in its legal duties, such as Ofcom's lack of interest in exercising their statutory power and duties under international Radio Regulations, to protect the Amateur Radio Service from harmful interference and their imposition of disproportionate EMF requirements? John Fellow, G3YRZ*

**Answered by Dave Wilson, MOOBW**

As you get older in life, what you realise is that life revolves around relationships. What you also realise is there is two sides to every coin. From the RSGB's perspective, banging on the door while making Ofcom aware of a problem, unfortunately, rarely results in a positive outcome. I'd like to think that within Ofcom, the individuals in Ofcom with whom we have a dialogue, they have sympathy with our issues. But their hands are tied as to exactly what measures they are able to take and bring to bear on things. Please whatever you do, don't take that as a cop-out. We should, and I'm sure we will continue to, push as hard as it is possible to defend amateurs, defend the spectrum. Sadly, not always in the way that some out there may think but we have to do it in the proper manner. As regards the comment about the 'imposition of disproportionate EMF requirements', I'm not defending Ofcom, but please don't think they are singling out amateurs. The requirements they put out are the same for all radio users. Ofcom aren't alone in changing these requirements. From the 3rd of May, the FCC [*in the USA*] are changing their regulations to remove the exclusion for equipment below 100W. So it's happening all over the place. I'm sure John in his presentation on EMF will give details on the work being done with Ofcom to develop pre-assessed configuration and simple to use calculations to demonstrate compliance [1].



**Answered by John Rogers, MOJAV**

The RSGB does, through the relationship we have with Ofcom and working together, when appropriate bang on the door. We had a great example of that with the May 2020 *RadCom*, where we continued with our campaign for VDSL [*Very high-speed digital subscriber line*], which resulted in over 120 people sending in complaints to Ofcom about interference from VDSL. We are now pursuing Ofcom to try and