



## ETCC Spectrum Forum Report

### Summary

2019 has again been a busy year for ETCC, as the three-year renewal time for voice repeaters approaches and the steady demand for more digital voice repeaters, mostly in 70cm, increases pressure on channel allocations.

We had another meeting with Ofcom and have had some pleasing support in some areas that were causing concern.

In particular, it has been agreed that ETCC can be flexible in giving expiry dates for NoV renewals, to spread the administrative load over the year. Thanks again to Colin, GM8LBC, for modifications to the Vetting Management software, to identify and simplify renewal timings.

Also, the Ofcom principle of assumed consent from primary users that have not responded to requests within 3 months, has been applied on several applications, particularly in 23cm.

Increased demand for 70cm wide-spaced repeater channels has prompted agreement to change new 7.6MHz split NoVs to 12.5kHz standard to match the 9MHz split digital-only channels.

In preparation for a possible reduction in 23cm resulting from WRC, Noel, G8GTZ, is looking at channel requirements and allocations for ATV in the band.

Ian, GM4AUP has joined ETCC as a corresponding member, to co-ordinate OAS activities with respect to Repeater abuse.

### Main points

- ETCC is again due to process more than 500 Notices of Variation in the next 12 months.
- Plans are in place to review channelling for 70cm voice and 23cm ATV repeaters.
- The online application/renewal system has been modified to spread renewal dates over the year.
- Long delays in some primary user permissions have been removed by the new Ofcom procedures.

My thanks again to the regional and specialist managers for their hard work.

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