



## ETCC Spectrum Forum Report

### Summary

The number of new applications for repeaters and gateways has subsided to near normal levels since the Covid restrictions have eased. The demand for spectrum to accommodate different modes continues to be a problem around the major cities.

This has left us with no free channels for gateways in some areas and in much of the country all the 2 metre RV repeater channels are full.

Some channels for digital voice modes in 70cm are still available in most areas, which has taken some pressure off 2 metres, although they are being steadily consumed.

MOD are not accepting any new allocations in 4 metres, but a trickle of 6 metre and 10 metre applications are going through.

23cm, 13cm and 9cm applications are mostly for ATV and remain light and invariably narrow bandwidth digital. Possible changes in band limits are always being considered.

There have been a few applications for other modes, notably TETRA DMO and POCSAG paging on the DAPNET system.

Primary user frequency clearances have been completed quite quickly on the whole. MOD work normally and CAA are now treated as "No objection within 3 months means consent" by Ofcom.

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

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