

Consultation response form

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Consultation title	Amazon Kuiper UK Limited application for a non-geostationary gateway earth station licence
Full name	[REDACTED]
Contact phone number	[REDACTED]
Representing (delete as appropriate)	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Organisation name	
Email address	[REDACTED]

Confidentiality

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Your details: We will keep your contact number and email address confidential. Is there anything else you want to keep confidential? Delete as appropriate.	Nothing. <u>Your name.</u> Organisation name.
Your response: Please indicate how much of your response you want to keep confidential. Delete as appropriate.	<u>None.</u> Whole response. Part of the response. (You will need to indicate below which question responses are confidential)
For confidential responses, can Ofcom publish a reference to the contents of your response?	<u>Yes</u> / No

Your response

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Question 1: Do you anticipate this NGSO gateway earth station will pose coexistence challenges to existing NGSO systems?	Confidential? – Y / <u>N</u> No comment.
Question 2: Are the measures set out by the applicant to enable coexistence with future NGSO systems reasonable?	Confidential? – Y / <u>N</u> No comment.
Question 3: Do you expect that granting this NGSO gateway licence would benefit or harm competition between NGSO services in the UK? Please provide details.	Confidential? – Y/ <u>N</u> Amazon is one of the world's wealthiest companies and is well-placed to immediately act as a monopoly in any and all markets in which it serves. Far from creating lower prices through competition, this will effectively allow a <i>de facto</i> cartel between e.g. StarLink and Amazon to keep prices artificially high. Amazon, through its Kuiper project, represents yet another example of a highly centralized, profit-driven multinational corporation seeking to extend its dominance into yet another critical infrastructure sector, namely global communications. The UK should exercise extreme caution in granting control of strategic communication gateways to a company with a demonstrated history of market monopolisation, aggressive tax avoidance, and exploitative employment practices. Allowing a foreign-owned, U.S.-based tech giant to control satellite infrastructure within UK borders raises major questions about digital sovereignty, data jurisdiction, and national security. Amazon's close entanglement with U.S. government and intelligence contracts should give Ofcom and the UK Government pause. Approving this licence risks ceding too much operational control over UK data traffic to a company ultimately answerable to shareholders and foreign regulatory bodies. The UK is already home to multiple NGSO gateway stations serving systems like OneWeb and Starlink. The cumulative spectrum, physical, and regulatory impact of

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	rapidly multiplying NGSO systems must be examined holistically. Approving this licence in isolation risks long-term congestion, regulatory arbitrage, and sustainability issues in both spectrum and orbital domains. Finally, another problem is: this may dis-incentivise central government from further funding expansion of existing ground-based infrastructure to reach remote and / or poorly served areas. Successive governments make much talk about investing in this area however very little progress has been made and targets for population coverage are routinely missed. There is a real risk that central government will roll-back these targets as a private company is providing a service. Given Amazon's widely-known aggressive tax avoidance as mentioned above, this is ethically questionable.
Question 4: Do you have any additional concerns or comments regarding the application?	Confidential? – Y/ <u>N</u> Granting this licence to Kuiper would represent a short-sighted decision that prioritizes corporate expansion over public accountability, environmental stewardship, and national resilience. I urge Ofcom to reject this application or, at minimum, pause the decision until a more rigorous public interest and strategic impact review is conducted. Granting this licence to Kuiper would represent a short-sighted decision that prioritizes corporate expansion over public accountability, environmental stewardship, and national resilience. I urge Ofcom to reject this application or, at minimum, pause the decision until a more rigorous public interest and strategic impact review is conducted.
Question 5: Do you agree with our assessment of the potential impact of our proposal on specific groups of persons?	Confidential? – Y/ <u>N</u> No, see above.
Question 6: Do you agree with our assessment of the potential impact of our proposal on the Welsh language?	Confidential? – Y/ <u>N</u> No comment.

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