

**Title:**

Mr

**Forename:**

Johnny

**Surname:**

Lewis (moss)

**Representing:**

Organisation

**Organisation (if applicable):**

Seaside Radio

**What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:**

No

**If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:**

Seaside Radio is an Internet station run by experienced media professionals with experience in radio, press, online, locally, regionally and nationally. It plays a broad music mix with live breakfast show daily from 6-9am, other programmes through the week including pre-recorded specialist features and community interest news and features running 24 hours a day all week. The area covered via DAB would be the Isle of Thanet parliamentary constituencies (North Thanet and South Thanet).

Seaside Radio has been broadcasting from a purpose-designed commercial studio which is currently being extended to incorporate a second studio for training and teaching, production and on-air when needed. It is based on the site of Hartsdown Academy secondary school in the heart of Margate and has broadcast since Feb 1, 2013, Part of the station's operation has an established educational arm working with students in the primary and secondary sector offering training, work experience and holiday and after school radio clubs, as well as giving them a voice for their music and opinions. We have received Awards for All funding for part of our out of school hours educational remit.

Community engagement and involvement has been part of the structure since launching including charity groups, voluntary organisations, emergency services, musicians and entertainers, politicians including the area's MPs Sir Roger Gale and Laura Sandys, and various ethnic groups that are represented in the immediate area (ie Thanet).

**Ofcom may publish a response summary:**

Yes

**I confirm that I have read the declaration:**

Yes

**Additional comments:**

Seaside Radio and its community and education team would be happy to support the DAB trial and be part of it - the station also has the services of a full-time radio engineer who works within the local regional radio industry on both the studio and transmission side.

**Question 1: Do you agree that we have identified the objectives which the small scale DAB multiplex trial should seek to achieve?:**

Yes

**Question 2: Are there any other questions or issues which the small scale DAB multiplex trial should seek to address?:**

That it is open to non Ofcom licenced stations that are operating legally on the Internet and hospital radio etc

**Question 3: Do you agree with our proposed technical licence conditions?:**

Yes

**Question 4: Do you agree with our approach to non-technical licence conditions and requirements?:**

Yes

**Question 5: Do you agree with our proposed approach to awarding trial licences?:**

Yes

**Question 6: Do you agree with our proposals set out in this section in relation to final reporting obligations, the recovery of the equipment and the extension of trial licence duration?:**

Yes