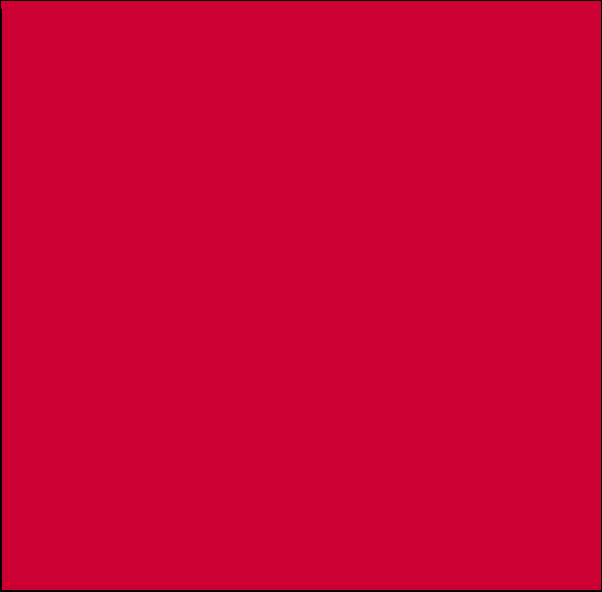


Consultation response form

Your response

Question	Your response
<p>Question 1: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposed Plan of Work 2023/24?</p>	<p><i>Is this response confidential? – NO.</i></p> <p><i>We are a well received broadcaster, covering the Eastern and Northern areas of the City of Leicester and beyond. It was our hope that SSDAB would give us the means to move forward from providing an internet based service. We were also given a certain amount of hope by OFCOM that this would be possible once the SSDAB service for Leicester was established.</i></p> <p>This has proven to be false. The Leicester polygon covers none of the parts of Leicester or Leicestershire that we have been broadcasting to over the past 3 years. In part this is due to the 40% rule, which appears to only exist to allow the commercial broadcasting sector to be able to dictate to the industry regulator.</p> <p>Therefore we want to know what steps do OFCOM intend to take to ensure broadcasters such as Real Radio are given a fair chance to be a part of the digital developments across the industry.</p> <p>Furthermore while parts of the UK still await for the opening of applications for some SSDAB rounds. We feel that the situation regarding Inverclyde and others needs clarification.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does OFCOM consider it fair to advertise Inverclyde in Round 1 and Round 4. Whilst other areas of the UK were still waiting for the opportunity provide a SSDAB service? 2. How many times will OFCOM advertise a polygon? 3. Do OFCOM intend to re advertise out of sequence all surrendered SSDAB license and those clawed back under the 18 month rule?



4. Are OFCOM willing to accept that there are failings with SSDAB due to numerous areas that are not covered.

5. Will OFCOM be soon examining the need for FM and AM licences in various areas across the UK.