

Consultation response form

Your response

Question	Your response
Question 1: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposed Plan of Work 2023/24?	<p><i>Is this response confidential? –N</i></p> <p>We call for a full review of the ongoing SSDAB rollout as soon as possible, examining viability, technical capability and ensuring more profitable multiplexes and more marginal rural multiplexes are examined, and an analysis of what rates stations are paying to be on multiplexes. We also call for continued use of FM, and to revisit the suitability of new FM services, particularly where FM is a more robust technical and viable solution in areas of small population. We are concerned that the current focus on the roll out of SSDAB could result in the closure of new community stations in rural areas which are not suited to SSDAB. Finally, we'd like to see OFCOM find solutions to smaller operators being carried on traditional countywide DAB multiplexes, where the cost of entry and lack of DAB+ technology on some means its prohibitive to be available in good quality on these multiplexes for smaller operators.</p>