

Consultation response form

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| Consultation title | Global Radio stations in the south of England |
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Your response

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| <p>Do you agree that for the purposes of where locally-made programming may come from, Ofcom should approve the 'Meridian' area in relation to the eight local licences listed in Section 2 of this document? If you do not agree, please give reasons.</p> | <p>Confidential? – Y / N</p> <p>When local radio first started in the UK that is exactly what it was and it was accessible and interested in its locality. Now it is very difficult to distinguish a local station from a national one. You still refer to them as local stations but they are no longer that and allowing this Meridian idea will only be a step away from them being a National station.</p> <p>Can we not stand up to these large radio empires and say no you are a local station and should actually be an independent local station working to serve your locality. I think the word local should also be taken away from the name of these stations and maybe regional substituted as it better reflects the moves.</p> |