

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 'South of England (Bauer)' area in relation to the 12 local licences listed in Section 2 of this document? If you do not agree, please give reasons.</p>	<p>I am requesting that you deny the changes to Spirit Fm.</p> <p>I listen to Spirit Fm every day, news, travel and weather is useful as it is relevant to my locality and up to date. The daily shows with different presenters is great, I feel like I know some of their personalities from their friendly and warming presentation. I love the competitions and variety of these. The fact that local people love the station and feel the community around Spirit FM.</p> <p>As a station they have supported many local charities with their own fundraising events, further bringing the community together. They helped the local food banks with 'a tonne of tins' where listeners could donate tinned goods to food banks to be distributed to local people who are less fortunate and in need. During Covid19 they organised a pledge for cash donations from listeners to be passed to the food banks to support in this way and to avoid the risks of handling items etc. They raised £7000.00 in the space of a short period of time. This is why communities pull together and they see the people that are supported by this.</p> <p>Nationalising the station takes all locality away from the community and therefore away from those who are regularly supported through the work that they do.</p> <p>Every year they have also held 'Spirit FM local hero awards' where the community can nominate people to receive an award and be recognised for their contribution under a variety of categories. We are touched by all the winners and their stories and achievements as well as selfless acts of kindness. Without this fantastic local station, things like this will not happen for the deserving community that we live in.</p> <p>It would be heart breaking to loose a part of our community.</p>