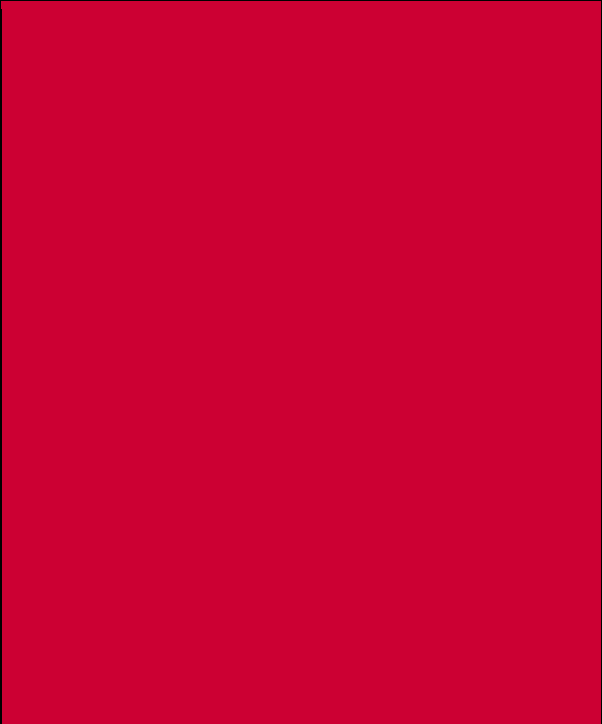


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	<p>Confidential? N</p> <p>Do you agree that for the purposes of where locally-made programming may come from, Ofcom should approve the 'South of England (Bauer)' area in relation to the 12 local licences listed in Section 2 of this document? If you do not agree, please give reasons.</p> <p>No I DO NOT AGREE – and I applaud Ofcom to stop Bauer's plans dead . I would like you to keep things as they are and we get to keep our Spirit FM as a local much needed station or return the license to OFCOM.</p> <p>The reasons this is SO important to the 58,200 listeners is below:</p> <p>It is imperative to our local community in these times that we stop Bauer's plans and instead Save our beloved Spirit FM from the proposals. Although I am campaigning for my Spirit FM to be saved; this is the case for ALL local radio stations they propose this for, . If Bauer have their way they will no longer employ local DJs (making people redundant) and the station will no longer be a local station. They plan to re-brand and stream the services; taking the focus away from West Sussex and its wonderful community. In these unprecedented times of increased Social Isolation due to the Pandemic and restrictions on our freedom and liberty and with more and more of us being isolated from the rest of the world and our immediate community. This decision is non sensical. Spirit FM is the heart of our county and this move would be devastating and affect 58,200 people (current listening figures) mental health. Ofcom needs to intervene and put the mental health and wellbeing of the 58,200 listeners first.</p>



I run a group for Social Isolation called Get Bognor Social and I speak for over 200 people who I have discussed this with personally. As socially isolated people we rely on the local radio to keep us sane. These presenters are like family to us and this cannot be taken from us.

So, many of us, young, old and middle aged rely on local radios and they are an integral part of our day. I cannot stress this enough.

Please Ofcom support us in overturning this awful decision. Full details of our plight can be found on the front pages of both Chichester and Bognor Regis Observer Newspapers today.