

Your response

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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>

I absolutely do not agree with this proposal. I am a local resident in Bognor Regis who currently listens to Spirit FM on a daily basis. I rely on it for travel information and local info about the community. Whilst I appreciate these aspects will still be provided it is not the same when it is delivered through a large organisation such as this. Spirit FM and indeed the other radio stations affected by this proposal deliver a vital service to their communities – made even more evident recently through the pandemic for the thousands of people who were having to self isolate. For them local radio became a lifeline – something familiar in their homes when they couldn't go about their normal life.

The presenters are known to the residents – they are regularly out in the community at local events and help to raise huge amounts of money for local charities. I would go so far as to say they feel like distant family members – especially given myself and the children listen to the same presenters for a couple of hours on a daily basis, joining in with the jokes playing along with the competitions.

I for one would stop listening if this change occurs and frankly, I don't know what else I would listen to, therefore I would probably just play CDs and ask Alexa about the traffic. Judging by the comments on social media I am confident that viewing figures will reduce dramatically if this change occurs – there is no local support for this proposal.

We don't want soulless radio stations with generic sections of the show delivered across the County.

A truly local radio station delivers a vital community service.

Please do not allow this to be taken away from us.