

Your response

Question

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.

Your response

No I do not agree. Bauers proposal is obviously against the principle of local radio. It is wiping away decades of hard worn trust in the community that Spirit FM and others have created and is replacing it with a 'national' network. This is not in the interest of our community. The news will not be as relevant, the community work and support that spirit fm create will not be relevant if present at all, local businesses will not be able to advertise to local people at prices they can afford. In every sense this proposal from Bauer will erode and eradicate the presence of 'local' from the airwaves and I demand that OFCOM do not allow this to happen. It cannot be allowed to happen. The value of community that Spirit FM is a conduit for will be lost and as far as I can understand it is nigh on impossible for a new 'local' station to pop up either on FM or the

MP's are being written to, this will gain political notice and I simply fail to see how this will satisfy any OFCOM support for maintaining local radio if it is allowed to proceed.