

I do not agree with the proposal for the area from which local content may come from. The new south of England area as outlined in the proposal document is far too large to be considered local.

As a listener of Spirit fm I find that they currently provide a good local resource. Spirit fm are involved in community based activities and keep me informed. They mainly cover the Bognor and Chichester areas, but I receive them in Billingshurst via their northern transmitter. I consider they already cover a wider area than is local, but I don't travel to work. When I did, or when I visit family I find their local travel - particularly for the A29, vital. I think to make this area any wider would lose listeners and completely dissolve the local aspect of the station. If people are committing further afield they will already have a national station they tune into.

Please keep local radio local.

Spirit Fm is an important part of the West Sussex community, as I'm sure many of the other stations are. I fear that making this area wider they would lose listeners, advertisers and of course jobs - in this already uncertain time we don't need any more of this.

Perhaps if Bauer are not willing to keep the stations local, they should offer to sell them back to the communities.