

## 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 strongly disagree.</p> <p>Spire FM has provided local news and information both through the radio updates and through internet channels for many years and it's been very useful.</p> <p>The sense of community and cohesion that a local service has created would be lost.</p> <p>The supposedly 'local' TV news is very rarely local to me – I usually turn over when it's on</p> <p>At a time when we are losing local news papers it is vital that local radio stations bring us local information</p> <p>Local news outlets, of which radio is now the most important, are critical in publicising local arts and charity events</p> <p>Local radio is important in maintaining local and therefore national democracy. Many people don't know who their local MP is, let alone their local councillor or PCC – this is regrettable and will get worse if Bauer closes local radio stations like Spire FM</p>