

Consultation response form

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Consultation title	Bauer Radio stations in the south of England
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Your response

Question	Your response
	<p data-bbox="810 450 1029 477">Confidential? –/ N</p> <p data-bbox="810 517 1377 725">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 data-bbox="810 766 1382 1375">I do not agree with these changes. I think that Spirit FM is a valuable local radio station that has served local listeners well for over 20 years. There is a large local content to the station which is why it is very popular. I am a City Councillor and I have been interviewed several times over the last 10 years. I value the local journalists and local content of the station and the reporters and presenters have a good feel for the local area. This would be lost if the station was run in Manchester and this would lead to falling listener numbers and lack of information about local news which especially in times of crisis like with the coronavirus has been essential. The taking over the radio station would lead to lack of democracy and less reporting of local affairs.</p>