

## 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>Do not agree. There would be too much dilution of local content, and, in particular, too much loss of local news and information. A variety of trusted local news sources is essential for local democracy. My wife is a particularly regular listener to Sprit FM for the information it provides.</p> <p>Also, from the recent Coronavirus emergency, we should draw the lesson that there is a need for radio stations that hold on to people with more journalistic skills than are found in the typical "greatest hits" radio station. Only today, Professor Ian Lipkin (scientific advisor to the now seemingly prescient film "Contagion") was on the radio saying that, by his estimate, the odds of a worse event than this one happening in the near future are 50:50.</p> <p>We need to keep the infrastructure of resilience in place.</p>