

## Consultation response form

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<b>Consultation title</b>	Bauer Radio stations in the south of England
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<b>Organisation name</b>	
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## Confidentiality

We ask for your contact details along with your response so that we can engage with you on this consultation. For further information about how Ofcom handles your personal information and your corresponding rights, see [Ofcom's General Privacy Statement](#).

## Your response

Question	Your response
	<p data-bbox="810 353 1075 387">Confidential? – Y / No</p> <p data-bbox="810 427 1378 636">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="810 676 1385 920"><b>Spirit Fm is our local radio station and served our local area since 1996. It will be an absolute travesty if we lose this local connection to the community, the station has become the heartbeat of the of the community and served the residents and business in the area in so many ways with a dedicated team of staff.</b></p> <p data-bbox="810 960 1342 1099"><b>Ofcom need to take a long hard look at the damage this will do to the Spirit FM community it serves and seriously need to reject any move to nationalise this station.</b></p> <p data-bbox="810 1140 1374 1420"><b>Spirit FM was formed in 1996 from a requirement for a local radio station and the community worked hard to deliver this ambition. Bringing joy to many charities and organisations the station has been able to support over the years It will be a devastating blow to our community if Ofcom allow this move to go ahead by Bauer</b></p> <p data-bbox="810 1460 1378 1740"><b>The station is a strong local link with Local news and travel also giving local business the opportunity to advertise locally at an affordable rate. Any new station will have a focus on higher advertising rates pricing many local businesses out of the marketplace in the interest of multinational companies who have the larger budgets.</b></p> <p data-bbox="810 1780 1378 1883"><b>I would strongly urge Ofcom to look again at this proposal before you allow the heart to be ripped out of our community.</b></p>



**Kind Regards**

**Paul Wells**

**Former Bognor Regis Town Mayor and local  
Councillor**