

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>No I don't agree at all and my reasons are as follows:</p> <p>As someone who is housebound the majority of the time due to severe mental health and anxiety difficulties, Spirit FM are a lifeline to me. The hosts have become like family to me and are very often the only voices I hear for days, weeks and sometimes even months and I value that intensely. I frequently have immense difficulties getting out and would feel very isolated if I didn't have the local connection of the team at Spirit FM and knowing they are in the same city as myself and have a vested interest in local news, local business and charities helps to keep me closely connected to what is important to me in my life. They provide a lifeline to local business with an affordable but effective place for them to advertise and connect with those locally that need their services.</p> <p>I have tried to listen to other stations that have been changed to the format proposed and unfortunately it is not the same in any way. The presenters are strangers and have no connection to my own locality and sadly the music played is repetitive and boring, something that causes me to zone out and feel even more isolated.</p> <p>Spirit FM is my connection to the world outside, please don't deny me this by granting permission that would cause myself and many others like me, further isolation than they already endure.</p> <p>Many thanks for your consideration of my request.</p>