


Consultation response form

Question	Your response
<p>Question 1: Do you agree that, for the purposes of where locally-made programming may come from, Ofcom should approve the 'Yorkshire & Lincolnshire (Bauer)' approved area in relation to the 17 local FM licences listed in Section 2 of this document? If you do not agree, please give reasons.</p>	<p>Confidential? – NO</p> <p>Back in 2018 when I responded to the Ofcom consultation on 'Localness' I wrote the following under the title Introductory Comments:</p> <p>When I first read this consultation what jumped out at me, being a Yorkshireman, was that in drawing up the plans for larger 'approved areas' Ofcom have placed the Northallerton/Thirsk FM licence within the <i>North East of England</i> approved area rather than in the <i>Yorkshire (including Lincolnshire)</i> approved area. I am sure that residents of Northallerton and Thirsk as well as councillors and officers of North Yorkshire County Council, which has its County Hall in Northallerton will feel, although parts of Northallerton may receive their ITV local news from Newcastle upon Tyne rather than Leeds, that the local Northallerton/Thirsk FM commercial radio station operated by <i>Minster FM</i> clearly is within Yorkshire and not the North East of England.</p> <p>I therefore approve of the new 'Yorkshire & Lincolnshire (Bauer)' Approved Area as it now contains the Northallerton/Thirsk FM licence. The full list of 17 licences, now owned by Bauer Media, within this new area is: Barnsley; Bassetlaw; Bradford & Huddersfield FM; Bridlington; Chesterfield; Doncaster; Grimsby;</p>



Harrogate; Humberside FM; Leeds FM;
Lincoln; Northallerton; Rotherham;
Scarborough; South Yorkshire FM;
Wakefield, and York.