

Your response

Question

Question 1: Respondents are invited to comment on whether they agree with Ofcom's preliminary view and to frame their views and responses with reference to, or in the context of, the statutory criteria in section 106(1A) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (as amended).

Your response

I do not agree to Ofcom's view to change 105.8 from Absolute Radio to Greatest Hits Radio. You can already hear Greatest Hits on 96.4 as well as DAB. On FM and DAB, Greatest Hits is in stereo, unlike Absolute, and so Absolute listeners on 105.8 would be deprived of listening to the station in stereo. As well of this, listeners would be deprived of the wider variety of music played on Absolute, unlike the limited number of songs on Greatest Hits. I am in favour though of a local programme on 105.8. I'm sure that when 105.8 went on the air, there was a local London programme different to that on 1215 AM. As 105.8 is a regional licence, surely Ofcom should have made sure there was a local programme on this frequency anyway? Assuming this is approved, I suggest Ofcom makes sure that 105.8 is as local as possible.