

Question	Your response
<p>Question 1: Should Ofcom exercise its discretion to consent to the application to vary the Stirling & Falkirk small-scale multiplex licensed area, with regard to the statutory and policy considerations set out in this document?</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>Ofcom may wish to consider the points raised in our response to Question 2. The respondent has no objection to the variation of the Stirling & Falkirk licensed area in principle.</p>
<p>Question 2: With reference to our impact assessment, do you agree with our assessment of the potential impacts of approving this application?</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>The respondent notes that significant areas of coverage gain from the proposed variation of the licensed area impinge into the coverage of local licensed multiplex areas, namely Glasgow, Tayside and Edinburgh.</p> <p>We have considered the coverage gains in regards to local licensed multiplex areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glasgow (please refer to the attachment entitled “Glasgow DAB PPA). SSDAB gains impinge into North Lanarkshire, and other areas of the Primary Protected Area. 2. Tayside “Tayside DAB PPA”: SSDAB gains impinge into Kinross and surrounding areas in the PPA 3. Edinburgh “Edinburgh DAB PPA: SSDAB gains impinge significantly in the area to the South and West of Edinburgh including Bathgate and Livingston and surrounding areas, all within the PPA. <p>The respondent’s concerns centre on the possibility of adjacent channel interference arising from the increase in ERP from 260 W to 490 W at Earls Hill and 50 W to 140 W at Central FM studio.</p> <p>We request, therefore, that a “Hole punching” assessment is carried out for our consideration prior to approval of the variation.</p>