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Question 7: Should Ofcom require that the studio of a C-DSP licensee be located within the coverage area of the small-scale radio multiplex service it plans to broadcast on? Please explain the reasons for your view.	If the community licensee is a geographical community station then we believe the studio should be situated within the coverage area, however if the licensee has niche audience (ie: Irish language, Ulster Scots, LGBTQI+, Religious) then we believe these licensees may wish to be carried across a number of local multiplexes. We would take particular issue with geographical community radio stations being perceived as "mini commercial" operators by simply relaying a service on digital that would have no relevance to an audience outside of their immediate coverage area. In the past

number of years we have seen the demise of local FM radio, we would not be comfortable with an arrangement that permitted geographical community radio stations to be operated as regional radio stations with a local FM relay.