

## Your response

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<p><b>Question 1: Do you agree with the planning principles and methodologies that we will use in our work to refine the coverage area plan for small-scale DAB?</b></p>	<p>Yes, I agree with Ofcom's planning principles and methodologies to be used to refine the coverage area plan for small-scale DAB.</p>
<p><b>Question 2: Do you agree with our proposed approach to the required technical licence conditions for small-scale radio multiplex services, and the proposed amendments to the Digital Radio Technical Code?</b></p>	<p>Yes, I agree mainly with Ofcom's proposed approach to the required technical licence conditions for small-scale radio multiplex services and the proposed amendments to the Digital Radio Technical Code. I also think that, small-scale multiplex operators should be able to provide services on either DAB or DAB+ as they require.</p>
<p><b>Question 3: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed approach to setting the level of reserved capacity for C-DSP services on small-scale radio multiplex services?</b></p>	<p>Yes, I agree with Ofcom's proposed approach to setting the level of reserved capacity for C-DSP services on small-scale radio multiplex services.</p>
<p><b>Question 4: Do you agree with the factors we are proposing to take into account of in deciding the order and timescale in which Ofcom will advertise small-scale radio multiplex licences?</b></p>	<p>Yes, I agree with the factors of which Ofcom proposes to take into account when deciding the order and timescale in which Ofcom will advertise small-scale radio multiplex licences</p>
<p><b>Question 5: Do you agree with our proposed approach for assessing the technical plans submitted in small-scale radio multiplex licence applications?</b></p>	<p>Yes, I agree with Ofcom's proposed approach for assessing the technical plans submitted in small-scale radio multiplex licence applications.</p>
<p><b>Question 6: Do you agree with our proposed approach for assessing the ability of applicants to establish their proposed small-scale radio multiplex service?</b></p>	<p>Yes, I agree in principal with Ofcom's approach for assessing the ability of applicants to establish their proposed small-scale radio multiplex – service.</p>

	<p>However, Ofcom should take into account those who have already demonstrated technical competence with respect to current FM and DAB licence holders.</p> <p>The above illustrates the applicants/teams competence/experience in setting up a radio service. Technical/academic qualifications could also be a weighting factor when assessing applicants, along with the necessary broadcasting experience.</p>
<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p>No not in all cases, the studio of a C-DSP licensee should not necessarily be located within the coverage areas in some special circumstances especially in rural areas where there are key satellite towns that could benefit from the extra ssDAB service.</p> <p>The requirement that the studio of a C-DSP licensee is located within the coverage area of the small-scale radio multiplex service on which it plans to broadcast would be problematic for some who are not necessarily defined within the licenced area.</p> <p>Perhaps Ofcom could make exceptional circumstances for such C-DSP licensees?</p>
<p><b>Question 8: We propose that holders of corresponding analogue community radio and DSP licences apportion their income equally across their licences, unless there are compelling reasons why a different apportionment is reasonable. Do you agree with our suggested approach?</b></p>	<p>Yes, I agree with this approach to apportion income between analogue and digital licences as it will be easier to dispense. Nevertheless, there are higher costs by simulcasting on both analogue and digital. This could be better supported.</p>
<p><b>Question 9: Do you agree with our proposal that a prospective C-DSP service provider will be able to apply for a C-DSP licence once we have invited applications for the small-scale radio multiplex licence upon which their proposed C-DSP service is intended to be provided?</b></p>	<p>Yes, I totally agree that prospective C-DSP service providers will be able to apply for a C-DSP licence after Ofcom has invited applications for the small-scale radio multiplex licence upon which their proposed C-DSP service is intended to be provided. As a result C-DSP services will not have to apply and pay licence fees in advance of the licence for the multiplex they may wish to broadcast before its even been advertised.</p>