

Your response

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<p>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?</p>	<p>The Dee Radio Group has worked closely with Radio Centre in formulating their response and endorses that response.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The Dee Radio Group has worked closely with Radio Centre in formulating their response and endorses that response.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The Dee Radio Group has worked closely with Radio Centre in formulating their response and endorses that response.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The Dee Radio Group has worked closely with Radio Centre in formulating their response and endorses that response.</p> <p>In particular we would support the view that small analogue commercial services are prioritised in the sequencing of licensing particular as they may fall in rural/semi rural areas which may under the proposed criteria be sequenced late in the timeline.</p>
<p>Question 5: Do you agree with our proposed approach for assessing the technical plans submitted in small-scale radio multiplex licence applications?</p>	<p>The Dee Radio Group has worked closely with Radio Centre in formulating their response and endorses that response.</p> <p>In particular we would support the view that polygon area definition has a degree of flexibility and increased scale (within the legislation) be considered. Increased scale is likely to increase take up of capacity and viability of service (the use of SSDAB will still provide for a low entry cost vs local DAB multiplexes) This may be of particular benefit in 'macro' areas where too tightly defined polygon areas may lead to the exclusion of service providers in given areas to a digital future. Equally tightly defined polygons in rural / semi-rural areas may lead to low take up of</p>

Question 6: Do you agree with our proposed approach for assessing the ability of applicants to establish their proposed small-scale radio multiplex service?

capacity and therefore inefficient use of spectrum and risk to sustainability.

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In particular we would support the view that experience, expertise and funding be prioritised to ensure SSDAB is robust and not exposed to service level delivery issues. Weak transmission delivery would undermine SSDAB from an investor in service provision's perspective and a listener perspective.

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.

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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?

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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?

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