

It seems ludicrous to me that this even requires consultation. The station in question, of which I am relatively local to although not within the broadcast area are renowned for the work that they do with local people seeking opportunities to learn new skills and integrate into a broadcasting environment.

Since reading the numerous supportive comments being posted across social media in response to this consultation, I found myself researching further the station and its work in the community of Chorley.

It's without any question that this is a first class success story for the Government of the day, and Ofcom - licensing an organisation such as Chorley FM who with minimal funding and a very low cost model (according to sources close to the station), operating solely on the good will and nature of volunteers to have survived for so many years when many others have fallen by the wayside.

Ofcom should be celebrating the success of the station, and the many others that I'm sure exist elsewhere in the UK in a similar position to Chorley FM.

I say Yes, Yes, and Yes again. We must not allow any community resource that has such success to fail on the basis of bureaucracy. The fact that this community radio station has survived and only request for a change in conditions in order to allow it to continue doing exactly what has made it a success thus far, highlights the desperate need for all regulators to carefully consider how appropriate process is better implemented to encourage continued success and not suffocate natural progression.

Well done Chorley FM. And good luck!