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Dear Helen

Thank you for your letter date 24 December 2008. Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

I am, of course, happy to offer my support insofar as your proposal will result in a greater amount of local content and less reliance on networked programming. I believe this would be of particular interest to my constituents.

Having a local radio station like Durham FM is of great importance to towns and smaller cities like Durham which can be overshadowed in regional radio by our larger neighbours like Sunderland and Newcastle. I know from my own experience at Durham FM that you are committed to serving the people of Durham well and I certainly relish the opportunity to appear on your station so that my constituents know what I am doing on their behalf.

While it is unfortunate that the studios will need to relocate to Sunderland, I certainly understand the need for this synergy, but I do hope that physically coming back to Durham is something that could be contemplated in the future.

In short I am very supportive of the move you outlined in your letter.

If I can be of any further assistance in this or any other matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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