

# COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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Dear Helen

## Co-location proposals for Durham FM

Thank you for your letter of 24 December 2008 and for giving the Fire & Rescue Service the opportunity to respond to the consultation.

I acknowledge the many points you make in your letter regarding the desire to gain local control over costs and to deliver economies of scale from the sharing of resources with your sister station, Sun FM.

The Fire & Rescue Service values the strong partnership we have with our local radio station and I believe we derive mutual benefit from working closely together, particularly in raising awareness in our communities of how they can keep themselves safe and how we are trying to drive down the risks of fire, road traffic collisions and other dangers.

The Service would only be supportive of the proposals to co-locate with Sun FM if

- This was the most viable option to secure the long term financial future of the station
- The move results in increased investment that would benefit the residents of County Durham in terms of more news, information and features that are of value to them
- Increases the local content of broadcasts
- Releases more journalist resources to cover local news stories across the County

I hope that our partnership with Durham FM continues to strengthen and staff here at the Service look forward to working with you and your team over the coming months and years.

Kind regards

Susan Johnson  
Chief Executive



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