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Dear Helen

Thank you for your letter dated 24 December 2008, received on 5 January 2009.

I am writing to express support for the proposal to co-locate Durham FM with sister station Sun FM. I was pleased to hear that this move will not reduce the local coverage and identity of the station, which you know I consider one of the most valuable features of Durham FM and its content.

Although a continued physical presence in Durham would have been ideal, I realise that in the current economic conditions, a sound business model is essential if people in the county are to continue to benefit from a local station. Co-location, coupled with imaginative use of the technologies available is the natural solution.

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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