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FOR THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND (LIBERAL DEMOCRAT)

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Dear Ms Jones

I would like to add my support to Durham FM's bid to share their resources with Sun FM in Sunderland. Since setting up in Durham city three years ago, you have played a vital role in delivering local interest stories to the community and I have been fortunate to be interviewed by your reporters regularly.

Businesses are facing a difficult few years as the UK copes with a recession and I welcome moves to make the station more cost effective by sharing facilities with your sister station. I am pleased, however, that Durham FM would keep the commercial operation in Durham.

I welcome your plans to focus on increasing local content as this provides an important service to the people of Durham and hope that this will lead to a further increase in listeners in the future.

I wish you every success.

Yours sincerely Fiona Hall MEP