

Dear Soo,

As an experienced broadcaster, former Programme Controller, Media Studies Teacher and Amateur Radio Operator, I welcome the possible provision of Community Radio in Britain.

I first contacted the Radio Authority in 1988 and put together a case for community radio and a proposal for power/ frequencies/programme types etc. and am pleased to see that most of the ideas that I saw as a vision for broadcasting are beginning to happen.

My only concern is that the running costs of such as station are not prohibitive as some of the most effective access broadcasting need not be commercially funded. With the range suggested of 5 kilometres the TSA per head would be too small to attract advertisers and only a low level of local sponsorship can be expected. Setting up costs technically need not exceed £1000, I would be interested to know how PRS and PPL would be treated and what licence fees would be required. At this point I would certainly like to register an interest in small scale community radio and would like to be informed of any developments.

Yours faithfully,

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