

Dear Mr Stock

I am increasingly concerned about the lack of progress in the licensing for a new radio station in Cornwall. I have heard the trials of one station (CKFM) and am keen for such a station to get started after such a tantalising delay.

It would be cynical to suggest that the reorganisation of OFTEL into OFCOM has taken everyone's eyes off the ball while internal restructuring and no doubt office politics has taken priority over the needs of local people in Cornwall who are well beyond "London's radar"

I am also very worried to hear rumours of a South West regional licence in favour of a licence for Cornwall. I cannot emphasise strongly enough that people here want a local station. Devon is 60 miles away, certainly not local. In Cornwall, we suffer from a common perception that the West Country starts just after Reading and would urge such thinkers to check their maps and distances!

Please may I urge you act with a sense of urgency and demonstrate to us that the new OFCOM is a listening and responsive organisation that understands the needs of local people.

Are you able to give your target date for the issue of a licence or alternatively outline the next key steps in your plan.

Thank you

Mr Edward G Search