

Dear Mr. Stock,

I have been made aware of a suggestion from Ofcom that the new FM radio station promised to Cornwall now be incorporated into a regional station including large parts of Devon, and I object very emphatically to any such move.

Cornwall, which has its own history, cultural identity and sense of community, has proved the need for a new Cornwall-based FM radio station, and I see no need for making this new station part of a "South West Region". We are also fully confident that a new FM station to serve Cornwall will be strongly profitable, and will stand on its own feet.

A great many local companies, groups and individuals have made strenuous efforts to secure us a new FM station to serve Cornwall and only Cornwall, and our county does not deserve to be subjected to a moving of the goal-posts just when we were expecting to see the licensing application procedure moving forward after already over-long and frustrating delays. Could I respectfully ask you to please press on as fast as possible with the licensing of a new Cornwall-only FM station and leave the matter of a regional south-west licence (a) for another day and/or (b) for development in digital radio.

Thank you.

Written on behalf of Tim Brinkman, Director, Hall for Cornwall, Truro.