

Star Radio (Stroud)

Post Consultation Statement

The Radio Licensing Committee has considered a request from UKRD with regard to Star Radio in Stroud, which was subject of a consultation which closed on 26 January 2005.

UKRD Group Ltd., the majority shareholder of Star Radio (Stroud) wished to make changes to the Format of the station which in Ofcom's view would, if agreed, substantially alter the character of the service.

It proposed to co-locate Star Radio (Stroud) with the adjacent Star Radio service in Cheltenham and to simulcast the majority of programme output (excluding news) across both stations.

Following consideration of the consultation responses and the views of Ofcom's Content Board, the Radio Licensing Committee agreed to the co-location arrangements, but did not agree to programme sharing.

It reached its decision having regard to its programming obligations under Sections 106 (1A) and (1B) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (as amended), and its obligations with regard to localness output under Section 314 of the Communications Act.