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PLEASE REPLY TO –

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Mr Ed Richards
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Dear Mr Richards

Both Trish Law AM and I, Dai Davies MP write concerning the proposed co-location of Valleys Radio to Swansea. We accept the fact that Valleys Radio have been losing income for the last 4 years, and that the business case for this move is to the benefit of the Radio Station. However, we must insist that Valleys Radio continues to be dedicated to the Valleys area and that a presence is retained in Blaenau Gwent through outside broadcasts, advertising campaigns and contact with local businesses and the voluntary sector.

The importance of the Valleys identity, and allowing the voice of the Valleys people to be heard, must be maintained irrespective of where the station is based. We will continue to work with UTV Radio to ensure that the issues that are important to the people of Blaenau Gwent are at the forefront of their broadcasts.

We have no objection to Valleys Radio being co-located with 96.4FM The Wave and Swansea Sound, providing the identity of the station is preserved in the Valleys.

Yours sincerely

Dai Davies MP

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