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Mr Ed Richards
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Dear

Re UTV Radio

I am writing in support of UTV Radio's proposals to co – locate Valleys Radio, Swansea Sound and The Wave, to one UTV South Wales Headquarters, such as the one being proposed at Swansea Gate Business Park.

I am aware that there have been increasing losses in revenue and customers, as a direct consequence of listeners moving to stations that transmit on FM. I understand that switching from AM to FM would not only mean a clearer stereo output for listeners but also take Valleys Radio back to a profitable position, providing job security and new opportunities for learning and development.

I have sought assurances that this will not result in a loss of journalists, or the Valleys' identity and that staff will be kept fully informed of progress throughout the process.

I do hope that OFCOM will look favourably on this to ensure the long term viability of Valleys Radio.

Yours sincerely



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