
Radio Faza

Request to change Key Commitments

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1. Overview

A community radio station's Key Commitments set out the type of broadcast output it is required to deliver, and form a part of its licence. Key Commitments include a description of the community to be served; a summary of the character of the service; a description of the programme service; social gain objectives; access and participation arrangements; and mechanisms to ensure accountability to the target community. When a request to change Key Commitments constitutes a significant departure from the character of service, the request is subject to consultation. This document outlines the request received from Radio Fiza Limited ("Radio Fiza" or "the Licensee"), and Ofcom's preliminary view on the request.

What we are proposing – in brief

Ofcom is considering the Key Commitments change request submitted by Radio Fiza, which holds a community radio licence for Nottingham broadcasting as 'Radio Faza'.

Radio Fiza wishes to change the 'description of character of service' of its station's published Key Commitments from "Radio Faza is for the South Asian community of Nottingham" to, "Radio Faza is for the South Asian and Eastern European Communities of Nottingham". It also wishes to add several Eastern European languages as well as Bengali to the languages in which it broadcasts over the course of each week, and to add Eastern European to the type of music that is broadcast each week.

We have taken a preliminary view on the request and are minded to allow the Key Commitments changes requested by the Licensee. However, we are seeking views on the requests before we make a final decision. The consultation closes at 5pm on 15 April.

2. Details and background information

- 2.1 The licence for each community radio service contains ‘Key Commitments’ which describe the type of programme service the licensee is required to provide.
- 2.2 Ofcom has received a Key Commitments change request from Radio Fiza Limited, which holds a community radio licence for Nottingham, with regards to its service ‘Radio Faza’. Radio Faza’s target community is: “the South Asian community of Nottingham”.

Radio Fiza Limited’s licence

- 2.3 The station commenced broadcasting in June 2005. The licence was extended from January 2011 to December 2015, and then extended again to December 2020. The station made some changes to its Key Commitments in February 2015, and then again in September 2016.
- 2.4 The current Key Commitments are appended to this document as annex 6. They can also be viewed on the Ofcom website here:
<http://static.ofcom.org.uk/static/radiolicensing/Community/commitments/cr000014.pdf>
- 2.5 Radio Fiza Limited has requested several changes, and a copy of its Key Commitments change request form is appended to this document as annex 5.

Statutory framework and considerations

- 2.6 Community radio services are licensed under the terms of three related pieces of legislation. In particular, the Community Radio Order 2004 (the “Order”) applies modified versions of the provisions of the Communications Act 2003 (the “2003 Act”) and Broadcasting Act 1990 (the “1990 Act”) to community radio. The legislation sets out requirements that must be met for radio services to qualify as ‘community radio services’, including that such services are not profit-distributing, are provided for a target community, deliver social gain objectives, invite access and participation in the service, and are accountable to the target community.
- 2.7 Section 106(1) of the 1990 Act (as modified by the Order) requires that community radio licences include such conditions as appear to Ofcom to be appropriate for securing that the character of the licensed service (as proposed by the licence holder when making its application) is maintained during the period for which the licence is in force.
- 2.8 The way section 106(1) applies in practice is that, when a prospective licence holder applies for a community radio licence, it must set out its proposals as to the character of the service it intends to provide. Those proposals are summarised in what is known as a ‘Key Commitments’ document, which then forms the basis for the terms and conditions contained in the licence regarding the ‘character of the service’ and its delivery. Such terms

and conditions are agreed with each licensee before the station starts broadcasting. (The 'licensee' is the organisation which holds the community radio licence.)

2.9 The Key Commitments document includes:

- a description of the community to be served;
- a summary of the character of service (a short description of the station's aims);
- a description of the programme service;
- social gain objectives (including how the station will satisfy the mandatory social gain requirements set out in the legislation, and any other social gain objectives of the service);
- access and participation arrangements; and
- mechanisms to ensure accountability to the target community.

2.10 In determining the licence conditions that should be included in a licence under section 106(1) of the 1990 Act, section 106(1A) provides that Ofcom may, in particular, include conditions that enable it to consent to a "departure from the character of a licensed service" (or, in other words, the Key Commitments) should a licence holder subsequently request such a change. This is embodied in condition 2(5) of each community radio licence, allowing Ofcom to consent to changes in Key Commitments. Before Ofcom can give its consent it must be satisfied that one of a number of statutory criteria has been fulfilled (see below). However, the legislation also gives Ofcom discretion not to consent to a proposed change, even if one of these criteria is satisfied.

2.11 The statutory criteria that Ofcom must apply when considering requests to change Key Commitments are set out in Section 106(1A) of the 1990 Act (as modified by the Order), and are as follows:

- that the departure would not substantially alter the character of the service (section 106(1A)(a));
- that the departure would not narrow the range of programmes available by way of relevant independent radio services to persons comprising the relevant community (section 106(1A)(b));
- that, there is evidence that, among persons comprising that community, there is a significant demand for, or significant support for, the change that would result from the departure (section 106(1A)(d));
- that the departure would not be prejudicial to the access by members of that community to the facilities used for the provision of the service and for training in the use of those facilities (section 106(1A)(e)); or
- that the departure would not be prejudicial to the delivery of social gain resulting from the provision of the service provided under that licence (section 106(1A)(f)).

- 2.12 Where Ofcom is considering whether or not to consent to a proposed change on the basis of sections 106(1A)(b), (d), (e) or (f) above, it is under a general obligation to consult with those who, in its opinion, are likely to be affected by the change. Ofcom is not, however, required to consult when it is satisfied that a proposed change satisfies section 106(1A)(a) - i.e. that a proposed change would "not substantially alter the character of the service". The term 'character of the service' is not defined in the legislation. We consider that it includes everything that is set out in each service's Key Commitments section of its licence. For the avoidance of doubt, this goes beyond a sub-section in the Key Commitments document entitled 'description of character of service' to encompass the entirety of the Key Commitments annex to the licence.
- 2.13 The legislation leaves the decision as to whether to permit a change, even if one of the above criteria is satisfied, to Ofcom's discretion. There may be reasons (depending on the circumstances of the case) why Ofcom may not consent to the proposed change, notwithstanding that one of the statutory criteria is met. We have published criteria we use to help us judge whether a request of this kind should be approved.¹ We also take account of our general statutory duties, including:
- a) our principal duty to further the interests of citizens and consumers;
 - b) our duty to secure the availability throughout the UK of a wide range of television and radio services which (taken as a whole) are both of high quality and calculated to appeal to a variety of tastes and interests (including specifically a range and diversity of local radio services), as well as the maintenance of a sufficient plurality of providers of different services; and
 - c) our duty to have regard to the different interests of persons in the different parts of the UK, of the different ethnic communities within it and of persons living in rural and in urban areas.
- 2.14 Where we consult, we will usually do so by publishing a consultation document on our website. We will usually include in that document a preliminary view about the request. That is not a decision, but a provisional view, subject to the consultation process, so that those who wish to respond to the consultation can do so on an informed basis. We then consider all the responses to the consultation and make our decision on the request.

¹ https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/31913/kc-changes-guidance.pdf

3. Consideration of the requests and Preliminary View

- 3.1 Annex 5 contains Radio Fiza's Key Commitment change request. Radio Fiza wishes to change its published Key Commitments for the service Radio Faza from a service, 'for the South Asian community of Nottingham', to a service 'for the South Asian and Eastern European communities of Nottingham'. This includes adding Eastern European to the type of music broadcast, and adding Bengali and 'Eastern European (Hungarian, Polish and Roma)' languages to the selection of languages in which programming is broadcast over the course of each week.
- 3.2 The request is made on the basis the change would satisfy all five of Ofcom's statutory criteria in section 106(1A) of the 1990 Act, and that they are consistent with Ofcom's generally applied policy criteria for such requests. Radio Fiza's full rationale is contained in the Key Commitment change request in Annex 5.
- 3.3 Radio Fiza's main reasoning is that "There are no community radio stations catering for the needs of the Eastern European Communities" in its broadcast area, and that the proposed changes "would not substantially alter the character of the service, because we are still targeting the South Asian community of Nottingham which is part of the ethnic and minority communities".

Ofcom's preliminary view

- 3.4 We have given initial consideration as to whether criteria(a), (b), (d), (e) and (f), as outlined above, would be met by Radio Fiza Limited's Key Commitments change requests. In doing so, we have considered the likely impact such changes would have on the current target community, the South Asian community in Nottingham, as well as the demographic changes in Nottingham since the licence award. Our preliminary views are as follows.
- 3.5 First, we consider the change would substantially alter the character of the service because it involves a change to the target community. Statutory criterion (a) is not met, therefore we consider it is necessary for Ofcom to consult on the request.
- 3.6 Second, it appears to us that the changes sought would not narrow the range of such programmes and therefore would satisfy statutory criterion (b). This is because the request retains the Key Commitments to provide a South Asian-oriented service and programming, and seeks to augment this service with additional Eastern European-oriented programming, which would extend listener choice. However, we will be interested to hear from the existing target community as to it whether it believes that these changes would affect the range of programming available.
- 3.7 Third, evidence has not been provided by the Licensee that there is a significant demand or significant support for the change, which would result from the departure among the

target community. Therefore, we do not consider the request satisfies statutory criterion (d).

- 3.8 Fourth, it appears to us that the changes sought would not be prejudicial to the access by members of that community to the facilities used for the provision of the service and for training in the use of those facilities as, again, a focus on the South Asian community is retained, albeit extended to also encompass Eastern European communities. The request would therefore, in our preliminary view, satisfy statutory criterion (e). However, we will be interested to hear from the target community as to it whether it is believed that the departure will affect access to training and facilities.
- 3.9 Finally, it appears to us that the changes sought would not be prejudicial to the delivery of social gain resulting from the provision of the service provided under that licence, as the request seeks to build and strengthen links between the South Asian community in Nottingham and wider minority communities in Nottingham, specifically the Eastern European community. The Order defines ‘social gain’ as the achievement, in respect of individuals or groups of individuals in the target community, or in respect of other members of the public, of the following four mandatory social gain objectives:
- (a) the provision of sound broadcasting services to individuals who are otherwise underserved by such services;
 - (b) the facilitation of discussion and the expression of opinion;
 - (c) the provision of education or training to individuals not employed by the person providing the service; and
 - (d) the better understanding of the particular community and the strengthening of links within it.
- 3.10 In our preliminary view, it is likely that the proposed changes would help deliver ‘social gain’ in respect of ‘other members of the public’, particularly against the objective of ‘the provision of sound broadcasting services to individuals who are other underserved by such services’. This is because the Eastern European community is not currently a target community served explicitly by local commercial or community radio services in the area. Therefore, we consider the request satisfies statutory criterion (f).
- 3.11 In light of the above, Ofcom’s preliminary view is that at least one of the statutory criteria is met. We are therefore currently minded to consent to the requested change to the Licensee’s Key Commitments. However, we will pay close attention to any views of the current (South Asian) target community expressed in response to this consultation, as well as to the views of any other respondents.

A1. Responding to this consultation

How to respond

- A1.1 Ofcom would like to receive views and comments on the issues raised in this document, by 5pm on 15 April 2019.
- A1.2 You can download a response form from <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-3/consultation-radio-faza-request-to-change-key-commitments>. You can return this by email or post to the address provided in the response form.
- A1.3 If your response is a large file, or has supporting charts, tables or other data, please email it to radiofaza@ofcom.org.uk, as an attachment in Microsoft Word format, together with the cover sheet (<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/consultation-response-coversheet>). This email address is for this consultation only, and will not be valid after 15 April 2019.
- A1.4 Responses may alternatively be posted to the address below, marked with the title of the consultation:
- Broadcast Licensing
Ofcom
Riverside House
2A Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9HA
- A1.5 We welcome responses in formats other than print, for example an audio recording or a British Sign Language video. To respond in BSL:
- Send us a recording of you signing your response. This should be no longer than 5 minutes. Suitable file formats are DVDs, wmv or QuickTime files. Or
 - Upload a video of you signing your response directly to YouTube (or another hosting site) and send us the link.
- A1.6 We will publish a transcript of any audio or video responses we receive (unless your response is confidential)
- A1.7 We do not need a paper copy of your response as well as an electronic version. We will acknowledge receipt if your response is submitted via the online web form, but not otherwise.
- A1.8 You do not have to answer all the questions in the consultation if you do not have a view; a short response on just one point is fine. We also welcome joint responses.
- A1.9 It would be helpful if your response could include direct answers to the question asked in the consultation document. The question is listed at Annex 4. It would also help if you could explain why you hold your views, and what you think the effect of Ofcom's proposals would be.

- A1.10 If you want to discuss the issues and questions raised in this consultation, please contact Jon Heasman on 020 7783 4509, or by email to radiofaza@ofcom.org.uk

Confidentiality

- A1.11 Consultations are more effective if we publish the responses before the consultation period closes. In particular, this can help people and organisations with limited resources or familiarity with the issues to respond in a more informed way. So, in the interests of transparency and good regulatory practice, and because we believe it is important that everyone who is interested in an issue can see other respondents' views, we usually publish all responses on our website, www.ofcom.org.uk, as soon as we receive them.
- A1.12 If you think your response should be kept confidential, please specify which part(s) this applies to, and explain why. Please send any confidential sections as a separate annex. If you want your name, address, other contact details or job title to remain confidential, please provide them only in the cover sheet, so that we don't have to edit your response.
- A1.13 If someone asks us to keep part or all of a response confidential, we will treat this request seriously and try to respect it. But sometimes we will need to publish all responses, including those that are marked as confidential, in order to meet legal obligations.
- A1.14 Please also note that copyright and all other intellectual property in responses will be assumed to be licensed to Ofcom to use. Ofcom's intellectual property rights are explained further at <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/website/terms-of-use>.

Next steps

- A1.15 Following this consultation period, Ofcom plans to publish a statement in May 2019.
- A1.16 If you wish, you can register to receive mail updates alerting you to new Ofcom publications; for more details please see <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/latest/email-updates>

Ofcom's consultation processes

- A1.17 Ofcom aims to make responding to a consultation as easy as possible. For more information, please see our consultation principles in Annex 2.
- A1.18 If you have any comments or suggestions on how we manage our consultations, please email us at consult@ofcom.org.uk. We particularly welcome ideas on how Ofcom could more effectively seek the views of groups or individuals, such as small businesses and residential consumers, who are less likely to give their opinions through a formal consultation.
- A1.19 If you would like to discuss these issues, or Ofcom's consultation processes more generally, please contact the corporation secretary:

Corporation Secretary
Ofcom
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9HA
Email: corporationsecretary@ofcom.org.uk

A2. Ofcom's consultation principles

Ofcom has seven principles that it follows for every public written consultation:

Before the consultation

- A2.1 Wherever possible, we will hold informal talks with people and organisations before announcing a big consultation, to find out whether we are thinking along the right lines. If we do not have enough time to do this, we will hold an open meeting to explain our proposals, shortly after announcing the consultation.

During the consultation

- A2.2 We will be clear about whom we are consulting, why, on what questions and for how long.
- A2.3 We will make the consultation document as short and simple as possible, with a summary of no more than two pages. We will try to make it as easy as possible for people to give us a written response. If the consultation is complicated, we may provide a short Plain English / Cymraeg Clir guide, to help smaller organisations or individuals who would not otherwise be able to spare the time to share their views.
- A2.4 We will consult for up to ten weeks, depending on the potential impact of our proposals.
- A2.5 A person within Ofcom will be in charge of making sure we follow our own guidelines and aim to reach the largest possible number of people and organisations who may be interested in the outcome of our decisions. Ofcom's Consultation Champion is the main person to contact if you have views on the way we run our consultations.
- A2.6 If we are not able to follow any of these seven principles, we will explain why.

After the consultation

- A2.7 We think it is important that everyone who is interested in an issue can see other people's views, so we usually publish all the responses on our website as soon as we receive them. After the consultation we will make our decisions and publish a statement explaining what we are going to do, and why, showing how respondents' views helped to shape these decisions.

A3. Consultation coversheet

BASIC DETAILS

Consultation title:

To (Ofcom contact):

Name of respondent:

Representing (self or organisation/s):

Address (if not received by email):

CONFIDENTIALITY

Please tick below what part of your response you consider is confidential, giving your reasons why

Nothing ☐

Name/contact details/job title ☐

Whole response ☐

Organisation ☐

Part of the response ☐

If there is no separate annex, which parts? _____

If you want part of your response, your name or your organisation not to be published, can Ofcom still publish a reference to the contents of your response (including, for any confidential parts, a general summary that does not disclose the specific information or enable you to be identified)?

DECLARATION

I confirm that the correspondence supplied with this cover sheet is a formal consultation response that Ofcom can publish. However, in supplying this response, I understand that Ofcom may need to publish all responses, including those which are marked as confidential, in order to meet legal obligations. If I have sent my response by email, Ofcom can disregard any standard e-mail text about not disclosing email contents and attachments.

Ofcom seeks to publish responses on receipt. If your response is non-confidential (in whole or in part), and you would prefer us to publish your response only once the consultation has ended, please tick here.

Name

Signed (if hard copy)

A4. Consultation question

Q1. Should Ofcom consent to Radio Fiza Limited making the changes it proposes to the Key Commitments of Radio Faza, with particular regard to the statutory criteria set out in Section 1 of this consultation document? (Section 106 (1A) of the 1990 Broadcasting Act, as modified by the Community Radio Order 2004).

A5. Key Commitments change request from Radio Fiza Ltd



Key Commitments change request form

Community radio station name:	RADIO FAZA 97.1FM
Licence number:	CR000014BA/3
Licensee (company name):	RADIO FIZA LIMITED
Contact name:	ZAKIR AHMED
Date of request:	27/09/2018

Details of requested change(s) to Key Commitments

A community radio operator may apply to Ofcom to have the station's Key Commitments amended.

Please complete the table overleaf by including your current commitment in the left hand column and your proposed revised commitment in the centre column. In the right hand column please give a brief explanation as to why you wish to make each change.

We also require you to complete a second table which asks you to explain your proposed changes with reference to the statutory framework.

If you do not provide an explanation for your proposed changes and a completed comparison table, Ofcom cannot consider a Key Commitments change.

Please complete this form and return it to: community.radio@ofcom.org.uk

Existing commitment (as in your published Key Commitments) Please only include one commitment change per row, and add more rows as necessary into the table.	Proposed revised/new key commitment	Reason for proposed change
Radio Faza is for the South Asian community of Nottingham. It acts as a platform for members of that target community, and broadcasts in a variety of different languages. The station promotes and supports local projects and provides listeners with information and advice.	Radio Faza is for the South Asian and Eastern European Communities of Nottingham. It acts as a platform for members of the target community, and broadcasts in a variety of different languages. The station promotes and supports local projects and provides listeners with information and advice.	To cater for the growing needs and the diversity of our Eastern European Communities, who form part of the ethnic and minority communities.
The service broadcasts: Music: The main types of music broadcast over the course of each week are: traditional and popular Asian music.	The service broadcasts: Music: The main types of music broadcast over the course of each week are: traditional and popular Asian and Eastern European (Hungarian, Polish and Roma languages) Music.	To create cohesion and harmony within the ethnic minority to give a platform to the Eastern European communities.
The service broadcasts:	The service broadcasts: Over the course of each week, programming in Urdu, Punjabi, Bangali, English and Eastern	Emerging communities will easily convey their messages to people who cannot understand English.

Over the course of each week, programming in Urdu, Punjabi and English is broadcast.	European (Hungarian, Polish and Roma languages) is broadcast.	
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Statutory requirements

Under section 106(1A)(a)-(f) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (as amended and modified²) Ofcom must be satisfied that your proposed changes **meet at least one of the criteria referred to below**.

Please indicate which of these criteria you believe your proposed changes satisfy by deleting YES or NO as applicable, and provide an explanation for why you consider a particular criterion is met in the relevant box. You should note that even if Ofcom is of the opinion that your explanation of your proposed changes meets one or more of these criteria, there may still be reasons why Ofcom is unable to consent to the change. When explaining your proposed changes, it is not enough to state that you believe one of the criteria is met. You must also demonstrate *why* you consider that at least one of these criteria is met.

In particular, if Ofcom is not satisfied that the changes would not substantially alter the character of the service (criterion (a) below), Ofcom cannot consent to the change without consulting on your proposals.³ If this is the case, we will contact you to confirm that you are happy for us to consult on your proposed changes, and whether you wish to make any changes to your request in light of the need to make it public.

As part of our consideration of your request to make changes to your Key Commitments, we require applicants to provide an explanation for **at least one** of the criteria below.

(a) In your judgement would the proposed changes substantially alter the character of the service?	YES/NO please explain why below
This would not substantially alter the character of the service, because we are still targeting the South Asian community of Nottingham which is part of the ethnic and minority communities.	
(b) Do you consider that the proposed changes would narrow the range of programmes available by way of relevant independent radio services to persons comprising the relevant community?	YES/NO please explain why below

² As amended by sections 312 and 313 of the Communications Act 2003 and modified by the Community Radio Order 2004

³ Ofcom may approve a change under any of criteria (b), (c), (d) and (e) without consultation, or after a consultation of less than 28 days, if Ofcom considers that to hold a consultation at all, or for 28 days or more, would result in a delay that would be likely to prejudice the interests of the licensee. Ofcom may also remove for the purposes of consultation any confidential information submitted by the licensee.

<p>This expansion would enhance the services we provide and merge a bond between the different communities, as we are expanding our target audience.</p>	
<p>(c) Do you believe that there is evidence that, amongst persons comprising that community, there is a significant demand for, or significant support for, the changes that you have proposed?</p>	<p>YES/NO please explain why below</p>
<p>There are no community radio stations catering for the needs of the Eastern European Communities. As a community radio, we believe that we should expand our horizons and embrace the Eastern European Communities into our services. The leaders of some of these communities have approached us to ask for the access to have a platform, hence the appeal for this expansion.</p>	
<p>(d) Do you consider that your proposed changes would be prejudicial to the access by members of that community to the facilities used for the provision of the service and for training in the use of those facilities?</p>	<p>YES/NO please explain why below</p>
<p>We are actively seeking Eastern European Communities to join us and it gives many new opportunities to expand the service.</p>	
<p>(e) Do you consider that the proposed changes would be prejudicial to the delivery of social gain resulting from the provision of the service provided under your licence?</p>	<p>YES/NO please explain why below</p>
<p>Members of the target community would contribute to the operation and management of the service and training would be provided to that community, giving us a better understanding of the particular community and this would strengthening of links between us.</p> <p>The training the community would receive would enable them to have an opportunity to further their life skills and may even lead to employment at a radio station.</p>	

Please set out below any additional information and/or evidence you wish to provide in support of your proposed changes.

In particular, you may wish to outline how you think your proposed change(s) fit(s) within Ofcom's published guidance on changes to key commitments
https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/31913/kc-changes-guidance.pdf

Accountability to the community

2.9 Section 105(1)(f) requires Ofcom to consider the provision that an applicant proposes in order to make the station accountable to the relevant community. Accountability to the target community is one of the 'characteristics of service' listed in the Order and therefore an essential part of the service.

As outlined in Ofcom's notes of guidance section 2.9 accountability to the community which form part of the Legislative requirements. Radio Faza wants to make sure that it fits this criteria, by expanding its services to be accountable to the community in which it serves. Hence we would like to include the Eastern European Communities which form part of the wider community, giving them a platform.

Data Protection

We require the information requested in this form in order to carry out our licensing duties under the Broadcasting Act 1990, Broadcasting Act 1996 and Communications Act 2003. Please see Ofcom's General Privacy Statement www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/foi-dp/general-privacy-statement for further information about how Ofcom handles your personal information and your corresponding rights.

Amended May 2018

A6. Radio Faza current Key Commitments

Key Commitments

Licence number: CR000014

Service name	Radio Faza
Licence area	Nottingham (as shown in the licensed coverage area map)
Frequency	97.1 MHz

Description of character of service

Radio Faza is for the South Asian community of Nottingham. It acts as a platform for members of the target community, and broadcasts in a variety of different languages. The station promotes and supports local projects and provides listeners with information and advice.

The service broadcasts:

- Music. The main types of music broadcast over the course of each week are: traditional and popular Asian music.
- Speech. The main types of speech output broadcast over the course of each week are: local and community news and information, interviews and discussions.
- Over the course of each week, programming in Urdu, Punjabi and English is broadcast.
- The service provides original output⁴ for a minimum of six hours per day during week days.

The studio is located within the licensed coverage area.

The service provides a range of community benefits (social gain objectives mandated by statute) for the target community, both on-air and off-air, and in doing so, achieves the following objectives:

- the facilitation of discussion and the expression of opinion,
- the provision (whether by means of programmes included in the service or otherwise) of education or training to individuals not employed by the person providing the service, and
- the better understanding of the particular community and the strengthening of links within it.

⁴ Original output is output that is first produced for and transmitted by the service, and excludes output that was transmitted elsewhere before. Original output can be live or voice-tracked. Repeat broadcasts of original output do not count towards the minimum requirement.

Members of the target community contribute to the operation and management of the service.

The service has mechanisms in place to ensure it is accountable to its target community.

[March 2008. Revised February 2015; September 2016]

A7. Other commercial and community radio stations in the Nottingham licence areas

Analogue commercial radio stations

GEM 106 – ‘a full-service talk and mainstream popular music station for the east midlands region, targeting primarily 30-54 year-olds.’

<http://static.ofcom.org.uk/static/radiolicensing/html/radio-stations/analogue/al000200ba2gem106.htm>

Gold (Nottingham & Derby)– ‘a classic pop hits station targeted primarily at 35-54 year-olds in the Nottingham & Derby area.’

<http://static.ofcom.org.uk/static/radiolicensing/html/radio-stations/analogue/al000106ba3gold.htm>

Capital FM East Midlands– ‘a locally oriented mainstream popular music and information station for under 44s in the Nottingham and Derby area.’

<http://static.ofcom.org.uk/static/radiolicensing/html/radio-stations/analogue/al000107ba3capitalfm.htm>

Smooth Radio East Midlands – ‘an easy listening station featuring lifestyle orientated speech, targeting an East Midlands audience aged 50 plus.’

<http://static.ofcom.org.uk/static/radiolicensing/html/radio-stations/analogue/al000277ba4smoothradio.htm>

Analogue community radio stations

Radio Dawn– ‘for the Muslim community in Nottingham (including Pakistanis, Kashmiris, Bengalis and Indians)’. Programming in Urdu and English, some output in other community languages.

<http://static.ofcom.org.uk/static/radiolicensing/Community/commitments/cr000015.pdf>

Kemet Radio – ‘for the African Caribbean and wider community in the inner-city areas of Nottingham.’

<http://static.ofcom.org.uk/static/radiolicensing/Community/commitments/cr000016.pdf>