

Small-scale DAB: expressions of interest (March 2023)

In previous rounds of small-scale radio multiplex licensing, we have followed the practice of publishing, alongside the notice inviting applications for the current round, an indicative list of areas to be advertised in the next round. Including Round Five, we have advertised 129 different localities so far, priorities having regard to the criteria set out in our [statement on licensing small-scale DAB](#) on 7 April 2020.

We are mindful that some time has now passed since the original expressions of interest process in 2018. We are also mindful that the prioritisation process we have followed in selecting the areas to be advertised in the first five rounds of licensing means many of the areas with the highest levels of demand have now been advertised. For these reasons, we are now asking for expressions of interest in applying to operate a small-scale multiplex and/or provide a C-DSP or DSP service in the remaining localities. This will help inform priority areas for further rounds of licensing.

The areas we have not yet advertised are listed below. If you are interested in applying to operate the small-scale multiplex and/or provide a C-DSP or DSP service in any of these areas, please submit the [response form](#) to smallscaleDAB@ofcom.org.uk

As before, expressions of interest are not binding.

Please note we are seeking expressions of interest in the areas below only – expressions of interest in any areas not listed below will not be considered for the purposes of this exercise.

The closing date for submitting an expression of interest is **5pm on 31 May 2023**.

After the closing date, we will publish details of the number and type of expressions of interest we have received in respect of each area. We will not publish individual responses.

Aberystwyth	Erewash	Nuneaton & Hinckley
Andover	Exmouth & Dawlish	Oban
Arbroath, Carnoustie & Montrose	Falmouth, Penzance & Redruth	Omagh
Armagh	Gairloch	Paisley & W Glasgow
Ayr, Troon & Irvine	Girvan & Cumnock	Perth
Ballymena	Gloucester	Peterlee
Barnsley	Grantham & Sleaford	Pitlochry & Aberfeldy
Barnstaple & Bideford	Grimsby	Poole, Purbeck & Wimborne
Barrow-in-Furness	Halifax	Portadown & Craigavon
Berkshire north & south Oxfordshire	Huddersfield	Ringwood, Verwood & Fordingbridge
Bournemouth & Boscombe	Huntingdon & Surrounds	Rugby & Daventry
Brecon (Aberhonddu)	Isle of Wight	South Craven, Wharfedale, Worth Valley
Bridgend (Penybont)	Kilmarnock	Scunthorpe

Bridgewater	Lanarkshire	Skye & Lochalsh
Bromsgrove, Kidderminster & Redditch	Lancaster	South Hams
Burton-on-Trent & Lichfield	Larne, Carrickfergus & Newtown Abbey	South Powys (De Powys)
Bury St Edmunds, Thetford & Mildenhall	Leamington Spa & Stratford-upon-Avon	Stockton-on-Tees
Carlisle & Penrith	Llanelli	Stroud
Catterick, Ripon & Thirsk	Loughborough & Coalville	Sunderland
Cheltenham & Tewksbury	Malton	Telford & Shrewsbury
Chesterfield	Mansfield & Worksop	Tiverton
Chippenham & Malmesbury	Market Harborough	Ullapool
Cirencester	Midlothian	Walsall
Coleraine	Monmouth (Mynwy)	Wellingborough
Cookstown & Dungannon	Moray Coast South	West Somerset & Lynton
Corby & Kettering	Newark-on-Trent	Western Isles
Cumbernauld & Coatbridge	Newbury	Weston-Super-Mare
Dunfermline & Kinross	Newquay, St Austell & Truro	Weymouth, Dorchester & Bridport
East Cornwall	North Norfolk	Witney
East Devon	North Ayrshire	Worcester
East Edinburgh & S Forth coast	North Powys (Gogledd Powys)	Workington & Whitehaven
Ely & March	North Somerset	Yeovil
Enniskillen		