

## Gateway 97.8

### Your details

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### Your response

- *Q1. Ofcom would like to run a short, focused community radio licensing round. Our preferred option is to invite applications in areas where we have evidence of demand, after checking that there is a suitable frequency. Do you agree with this approach? If not, tell us why and what your preferred option would be.:*

Now that community radio has spread over the past rounds it is important that OFCOM change the process of applying for a short round, I feel that you should invite where there is evidence of demand,
- *Q2. a) New community radio stations: Do you agree with our proposed revised coverage policy in relation to new community radio services? If not, please give us your reasons.:*

Yes we agree as this would cut down future work as a new station may ask for changes in the future and it is important to try and get it the best it can be at the start
- *b) Improvements to coverage for existing services: Do you agree with our proposal to consider requests to improve coverage within the licensed area for existing licensed services? If not, please give us your reasons.:*

existing services like ours should have the opportunity to improve coverage in areas that might suffer interference or whose coverage area may change over time,
- *c) Extensions to coverage for existing services: Do you agree with our proposal to consider requests to extend the existing licensed area of a community radio service into an adjoining area or locality? We will consider such requests against statutory criteria, and propose to use six core considerations to help us decide whether or not to agree to a request. Do you agree with the core considerations we propose to use? If not, please give us your comments.:*

we agree that you should look at requests to extend the existing licensed area of a community radio service into an adjoining area or locality and that in areas where the next borough is really close and no services are in operation, or community services have failed to launch in a neighbour area that services should be looked at regarding allowing a service to spill over into a local area, we are Based in Basildon and cover East thurrock there are two local councils, we would be one of the stations who would like to embrace the rest of Thurrock by extending our coverage area

- *Q3. Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals regarding its community radio work priorities? If not, please tell us why.:*      yes,