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Information Requests

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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about a broadcast licence for Reading Radio.

We received this request on 7 May 2026 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the FOI Act').

### Your request and our response

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*APPLICATIONS: Radio 210 (Thames Valley Broadcasting Ltd) & related rivals.*

*Does Ofcom have in its archives (scans / hardcopies) the following "papers" please from around 1975 / 76 in respect of the original radio licence advertised in Reading, which led to Radio 210 (formerly Radio Kennet) being awarded the full-time licence, beginning broadcasting 8 March, 1976. So during IBA times.*

- 1. The full application by 210/Kennet - stating what programming they would provide, finances, directors etc etc, so in some detail (answering IBA's questions). I believe this application was written by Neil FFrench-Blake.*
- 2. The full applications from the other two? bidders. People like Michael Parkinson were involved, I believe.*

*This is for my interest / ongoing research into the history of 210 and local radio in the Reading area (generally).*

I have investigated your request and can confirm we do not hold this information. Files about radio from the Independent Broadcasting Authority (which later became the Radio Authority) have been gifted to Bournemouth University where they are available for research purposes. To be helpful, you may wish to contact Bournemouth University here [Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations | Bournemouth University](#)

Yours sincerely,

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[Request an internal review](#)

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team ([information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk)) to request an internal review.

**Taking it further**

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).