

*Q1. Should Chorley FM be permitted to make its proposed changes to the key commitments of Chorley FM, 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).*

Yes. It is clear that the station are attempting to better satisfy the bureaucratic requirements of the license.

The station have made it clear, both in this request and previously that they do not intend to change the output of the station, but to make sure that the license conditions are better suited to what they actually do as a much needed community service.

I unfortunately do not sit in the younger age category (many years have passed since I was able to make such a claim!), but I am a member of the LGBT community. It is true that in years gone by, we did (perhaps) need more focussed content and support in broadcasting - but the reality of 2015 is that things are so much more progressive than in years gone by. My younger friends of the LGBT community for example no longer even recognise the need for LGBT only television shows, radio or even pubs and discotheques for that matter - and that should be celebrated.

Chorley FM still output LGBT specific shows, even if it is only on certain days at certain times. If I want to listen to it, I know when and where to find it. (And Chorley FM do it very well by the way). But I equally enjoy the much broader appeal of the station, its mix of musical taste and the seemingly well sourced community interviews and business content and hope whole heartedly that this request is approved so that the station is not forced to make such a drastic change the current requirements would enforce upon them. It would be a disastrous step back in time to an era of social segregation that wouldn't be of any advantage to the whole community of Chorley.