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**Question 1:Should the licensee (Sound of Merseyside Ltd) be permitted to make its proposed changes to the Format of Radio City 2, with particular regard to the statutory criteria set out in Section 2 of this consultation document? (Section 106 (1A) of the 1990 Broadcasting Act, as amended, relating to Format changes).:**

No

**Question 2:Should the licensee (Sound of Merseyside Ltd) be permitted to make its proposed changes to the Format of City Talk, with particular regard to the statutory criteria set out in Section 2 of this consultation document? (Section 106 (1A) of the 1990 Broadcasting Act, as amended, relating to Format changes).:**

No

**Additional comments:**

I take great exception to this request for TWO format changes on these stations. Bauer seem to have no discernible opposition with OFCOM when it comes to format changes.

They have recently announced that (despite being the licensee for a speech driven station) that they are going to cease live coverage of Liverpool FC and Everton FC home games. I'm not sure that you understand just how valued this coverage is on Merseyside. It has been a staple of our radio listening for as long as Radio City (proper) has been in existence. To simply dispose of it is wholly inappropriate (yet somehow acceptable).

Changing City Talk to a non-talk station is the absolute polar opposite of what Sound of Merseyside Ltd applied for when they submitted a bid to run a speech based station. How can you allow them to change it? If the market doesn't exist - the licence ought to be revoked and re-advertised to allow for a level playing field of applicants to run whatever station you deem there to be a need to.

Please, please do not allow Bauer to (once again) do what they want with these two valued local stations.