

Consultation response form

Please complete this form in full and return via email to absolute.radio@ofcom.org.uk or by post to:

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Your response

Do you agree that Ofcom should give its consent to the reductions in AM (medium wave) transmitter coverage proposed by Absolute Radio? If you do not agree, please give reasons.

As the reviews states, this would deprive 19,000 current listeners from receiving the service. If you are one of those 19,000, then this is not satisfactory for you. Also, many new cars still do not come fitted with DAB radios, and many old cars do not have DAB radios fitted.

This is supposed to be a licence for a national network, not part-national.

The current AM network was badly planned, with most transmitters being on the same frequency of 1215 KHz, resulting in phasing effects in many parts of the country. Reducing existing transmitter power by 3dB may result in even more difficult reception problems, especially after dark.

The point about comparison with BBC local radio closing some AM transmitters is irrelevant, as all these stations are also available in their areas on FM or DAB.