

My response: i am surprised that ofcom is even considering allowing Global to use such a huge area, an area that is actually two regions (maybe 3, as Gloucester Cheltenham, used to get Central programmes). The bulk of the region is served by two itv regions: south west, and west. That is the minimum that should be allowed in this process.

There is little shared interest between Gloucester/bristol and the exeter/plymouth and Cornwall area. In fact it's easier to be left as it is, with globall programming for the areas they applied to serve. They are hardly struggling financially.

If Global want to reduce their localness, there are plenty of opportunities on the internet and elsewhere.

Leave the valuable fm space for groups who want to provide local material .. the requirements are tiny as it is!

The maximum that should be allowed is consolidation over what was the old westcountry area, and htv west area. Anything else is a really poor show, ofcom!

The same is true for the south area, where i grew up.

As a broadcaster, i am often asked why hampshire is getting news from oxfordshire. People do care about this stuff.