

Question 1: Should Panjab Radio London Limited be permitted to make its proposed changes to the Format of Turkish Gold Radio, 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):

Yes, We have read the proposed changes and believe that the impact of the change will have a wide positive impact to enable people to access Panjab Radio at a wider level and engage members of the community of all ages.

This is a key service accessed by Sikh Council UK as a national organisation on a frequent basis in communicating with members of the community.

Additional comments

The diverse range of programmes, entertainment and discussions on Panjab Radio are far reaching and key to community engagement, more significantly as it delivers in English and Panjabi making it easily accessible to members of the community who are at risk of isolation through language barriers. Panjab radio is instrumental in getting out the message for the Sikh Council UK on key issues; it is a vital tool in publicising our services and consulting widely with the community on current issues through robust and fair discussions influencing decisions taken by the Council in their response to public and even at times to issues at government level.