

With reference to the proposed deregulation of the sub-band 87.7 to 87.9 FM. There is plenty of space across the whole of the FM band to accommodate any proposed new RSLs, particularly the BBCs FM stations with their overkill of frequencies and frequency space not utilised amongst those frequencies.

We feel that 87.7 to 87.9 FM would be better used for a national community radio station such as ourselves. We have written many time to Ofcom and to the Radio Authority on this subject before.

These frequencies could be used as synchronised FM right across the UK, trialed in the north-west at Winterhill and the Midlands at Sutton Coldfield then extended across the UK, each transmitter transmitting at about 5 Kw of power.

DAB is not an option as it has still not taken off in in-car audio as it has done elsewhere. FM and AM are our only means of getting our major public service out to the motorist.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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