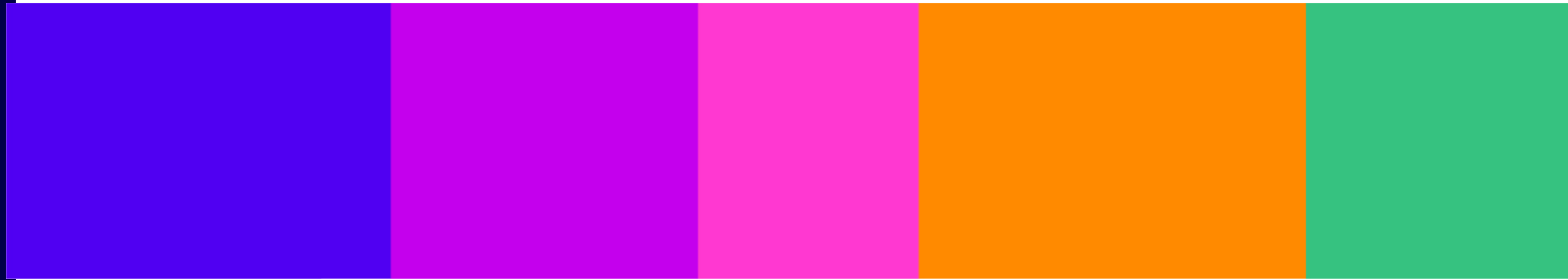


Community Radio: Improvements to existing coverage and coverage extensions

Technical change request form

Application form

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1. Overview

This form should be used for any requests relating to a change in the transmission arrangements of an analogue community radio service, such as:

- Changing the transmission parameters at an existing transmission site (e.g. increasing the power of a transmitter or changing the aerial height or pattern);
- Changing transmission site; or
- Adding a new transmission site (for a relay).

Complete all relevant parts of this form and provide coverage maps as appropriate. Incomplete forms may result in your application being unsuccessful.

Before completing this form, applicants are strongly advised to read the separate guidance document.

2. Applicant's details

1.1 Licence number:

CR000033

1.2 Licence area:

Borough of Tameside

1.3 Licensee:

Not Really Here Group Limited

1.4 Station name:

Tameside Radio

1.5 Contact name:

[XXXXXXXXXX]

1.6 Contact email address:

XXXXXXXXXX

1.7 Contact telephone number:

[XXXXXXXXXX]

1.8 Date of request:

6 October 2026

3. Current transmission details

1.9 Site name:

Harrop Edge

1.10 Site address (including postcode):

Electricity North West Site, Harrop Edge Road, Mottram, Stalybridge, SK14 6SJ

1.11 Site owner:

Electricity North West

1.12 National Grid Reference:

SJ98339637

1.13 Site height (aod):

299m

1.14 Antenna height(agl):

10m

1.15 Aerial pattern:

Non-directional / omnidirectional. The licence says "HP, VP – ND, ND", with zero reduction at every listed bearing.

1.16 Frequency:

103.60 MHz

1.17 Transmission power:

100 W total, comprising 50 W horizontal and 50 W vertical

1.18 If you are currently have more than one existing transmission site, please let us know and complete one set of details for the additional existing transmission site(s) in Annex 1.

There is more than one existing transmission site and I have completed the details of additional existing site(s) in Annex 1, Part A.

No (delete as appropriate)

4. Details of proposed change

Improvement to existing coverage of coverage extension

- 1.19 Do you request an improvement to existing coverage or a coverage extension? See Section 3 of the guidance document for further information.

Licensees should first check the technical conditions in their WTA licence and assess if there might be scope for changing or upgrading equipment in order to improve the radio signal while remaining within the limits authorised under the WTA licence and community radio licence as it stands now.

I am requesting an improvement to existing coverage within the licensed coverage area (please complete Part 3a) – **No (delete as appropriate)**

I am requesting a coverage extension of the licensed coverage area (please complete Part 3b) – **Yes (delete as appropriate)**

Technical change being applied for

- 1.20 Please indicate below which technical change(s) you are applying for. In paragraphs 3.6 – 3.35 of the guidance document we describe some technical changes for which you might apply.

I want to change the transmission parameters at an existing transmission site, e.g. a power increase, changing the aerial height or pattern (please complete Section 4) – **Yes (delete as appropriate)**

I want to change the location of the transmission site (please complete Section 5) – **No (delete as appropriate)**

I want to add a new transmission site (please complete Section 6) – **No (delete as appropriate)**

- 1.21 If you are requesting a combination of changes or if you want to provide multiple options (see paragraphs 2.12 – 2.13 in the guidance document), please explain why:

3a. Coverage improvement

Complete this section if you are requesting to improve the existing coverage within your licensed coverage area. See sections 3.36-3.44 of the guidance document for further information. If you refer to annexes such as maps or evidence, please list them in section 3.4. Your application may be unsuccessful if you do not provide all the information requested. If you are requesting a coverage extension of the licensed coverage area, please skip to Section 3b.

Outline of proposed change

- 1.22 Describe the areas in which you want to improve your existing coverage within the licensed coverage area and provide evidence of poor coverage or significant and harmful incoming interference in your licensed coverage area, including a map in which you have marked the areas in which you want to improve your coverage¹.

- 1.23 Set out details of the change(s) you wish to make to your transmission arrangements, and explain why you think this is the best technical solution:

- 1.24 Provide a list of the annexes (maps and any other evidence). Your application may be unsuccessful if you do not provide all the information requested. You can expand the table if necessary:

Annex number	Name	Short description

¹ Please refer to the [licensed coverage area map](#) of your area on our website.

3b. Extension of existing coverage

Complete this section if you are requesting to extend your licensed coverage area. See sections 3.45-3.52 of the guidance document for further information. If you refer to annexes such as maps or evidence, please provide a list at section 3.14 below. Your application may be unsuccessful if you do not provide all the information requested.

Outline of proposed change

- 1.25 Please provide a reasoned argument for the extension of existing coverage, including:
- ☐) a description of the area you wish to extend existing coverage to (e.g. the streets, council ward or town), along with a map illustrating the area concerned (with the requested area marked or circled)²;
 - ☐) the reason why you are requesting an extension of coverage into this area;
 - ☐) an estimate of the size of the population in the area you wish to extend into, the source of this information (e.g. local council statistics), and any evidence of demand or support for the service in the extended area;
 - ☐) whether the area or locality into which you are extending existing coverage has a relationship or affinity to the existing licensed area, and a description of that relationship or affinity;
 - ☐) whether there are any exceptional circumstances which would justify an increase that would be reasonably considered “significant”;
 - ☐) a short description of how the station will provide a radio service for the target community in the extended area; and
 - ☐) any other reasons for the request that you wish us to consider.
- 1.26 Set out details of the change(s) you wish to make to your transmission arrangements, and explain why you think this is the best technical solution:

We request an extension of the licensed coverage area eastwards into Glossop and its immediately connected communities in Glossopdale, principally Glossop, Old Glossop, Hadfield, Padfield, Tintwistle, Dinting, Gamesley, Simmondley and Whitfield. The attached map marks the precise area requested alongside Tameside Radio’s existing licensed coverage area. We are seeking coverage of this defined adjoining locality, rather than the wider High Peak borough.

² Please refer to the licensed coverage area map of your area on our website.

1.27 Describe the area you wish to extend existing coverage into:

Glossop is an adjoining community with strong links to Tameside. Our service already covers subjects of interest on both sides of the boundary, including local travel, sport, events, businesses and community activity. We are requesting a defined FM extension so that people in Glossop can reliably receive and participate in the community radio service we to provide for them. The extension would support regular, relevant coverage of Glossop rather than relying on incidental reception of the existing signal. We own the local newspaper for the Glossop area and cover news and events on our combined website, and social media platforms, so it makes sense to reliably broadcast to Glossop also.

1.28 Explain why you are requesting an extension into this area:

The area is already covered by our current service but we would like to reliably broadcast also.

1.29 Describe the size of the population, the source of this information, and any evidence of demand or support for the service in the extended area:

UK Census data lists the population of the broader Glossopdale area as 33,000 people.

Evidence of an existing relationship with the area includes our continuing publication of the *Glossop Chronicle* and our established coverage of Glossop community activity, sport and local businesses. We can provide supporting examples and, where available, letters from Glossop organisations and residents specifically expressing support for an FM radio service.

1.30 Describe any relationship or affinity the area or locality into which you are extending existing coverage has with the existing licensed area:

Glossop and Tameside are neighbouring communities with strong practical and social links. Glossop connects directly to Tameside through Longdendale and Mottram, and people regularly travel between the areas for work, shopping, sport and community activities. Local issues such as traffic and travel, events and sport are therefore relevant to residents on both sides of the boundary. Our organisation already has longstanding ties to Glossop through the *Glossop Chronicle* and its coverage of local people, organisations and events. Extending the radio service into Glossop would allow us to build on those existing relationships

and give this adjoining community opportunities to contribute to and benefit from the station.

- 1.31 Describe any exceptional circumstances which would justify an increase that would be reasonably considered “significant” (if appropriate):

We recognise that Ofcom will determine whether the proposed extension represents a significant increase in the licensed area. If it does, we ask Ofcom to consider the particular circumstances of this request. Glossop is an adjoining community with close links to Tameside, and our organisation already has an established presence there through the *Glossop Chronicle* and its relationships with local residents, groups and businesses.

The request is limited to Glossop and its immediately connected communities, rather than the wider High Peak. We intend to provide relevant radio content and opportunities for people in the extended area to participate in the station. We will submit examples of existing local activity and any evidence of support alongside the application.

- 1.32 Explain how you will provide a community radio service for the target community in the extended area:

We will serve the Glossop community through regular local news, sport, traffic and travel information, interviews and coverage of events and activities. We will invite residents, community groups, sports clubs, musicians and local organisations to contribute to programmes and share the issues that matter to them.

Our existing relationships in Glossop, including those developed through the *Glossop Chronicle*, will help us identify local stories and make contact with people who may not otherwise have a voice on radio. We will offer opportunities for Glossop residents to take part in interviews, discussions, outside broadcasts and, where practical, training and volunteering. We will also invite feedback from listeners in the extended area so that the service continues to reflect their needs and interests.

- 1.33 Provide any other reasons for the request that you would like us to consider (if applicable):

Our request also reflects the way our local media services have developed. Alongside Tameside Radio, we publish the *Glossop Chronicle* and have established relationships with people and organisations in Glossop. An extension of FM coverage would allow us to bring more of those local voices, stories and events onto the radio and make the service more accessible to residents in this adjoining community.

We are requesting coverage of a defined local area, rather than the wider High Peak, and are willing to work with Ofcom on the technical arrangements needed to achieve this while protecting other radio services.

- 1.34 Provide a list of the annexes (maps and any other evidence). Your application may be unsuccessful if you do not provide all the information requested. You can expand the table if necessary:

Annex number	Name	Short description
1	Area map	Map of current area, also showing extended area.

5.Modification to an existing transmission site(s)

About this section

Please complete this section if you are requesting to modify the transmission parameters (e.g. a power increase, a change to aerial pattern) at an existing transmission site.

1.35 Site name (use the same name you have provided in Part 2).

As above

1.36 What change are you looking to make to the transmission parameters?

I want to increase the transmission power (Ofcom will determine the transmission power that you need to improve or extend the coverages in the areas you have described in sections 3a or 3b of this application form) – **Yes / No (delete as appropriate)**

I want to change the aerial height – **Yes / No (delete as appropriate)**

I want to change the aerial pattern – **Yes / No (delete as appropriate)**

1.37 Explain the requested change to the transmission parameters:

Power increase

1.38 If you are requesting permission to modify more than one existing transmission site, please let us know and complete one set of details for each site in Annex 1.

I want to request permission to modify more than one existing transmission site and I have completed the details of additional existing site(s) in Annex 1, Part B.

Yes / No (delete as appropriate).

6. Proposed move of the transmission site

About this section

Complete this section if you are requesting to move to a new transmission site.

- 1.39 Please provide the following details of the existing transmission and the proposed new transmission site.

Current transmission details

1. Site name:

2. Site address:

3. Site owner:

4. National Grid Reference:

5. Site height:

6. Antenna height:

7. Aerial pattern:

8. Frequency:

9. Transmission power:

Proposed new transmission details

a. Site name:

b. Site address:

c. Site owner:

d. National Grid Reference:

e. Site height:

f. Antenna height:

g. Aerial pattern:

h. Frequency:

i. Transmission power:

Comments:

1.40 If you are requesting permission to move more than one existing transmission site, please let us know and complete one set of details for the other site(s) in Annex 1.

I want to request permission to move more than one existing transmission site and I have completed the details of additional existing site(s) in Annex 1, Part C.

Yes / No (delete as appropriate)

7. Proposed additional transmission site(s)

About this section

Complete this section if you are requesting to add one or more new transmission sites to your existing site(s).

1.41 Please provide details of the proposed new transmission site:

a. Site name:

b. Site address:

c. Site owner:

d. National Grid Reference:

e. Site height:

f. Antenna height:

g. Aerial pattern:

h. Frequency:

i. Transmission power:

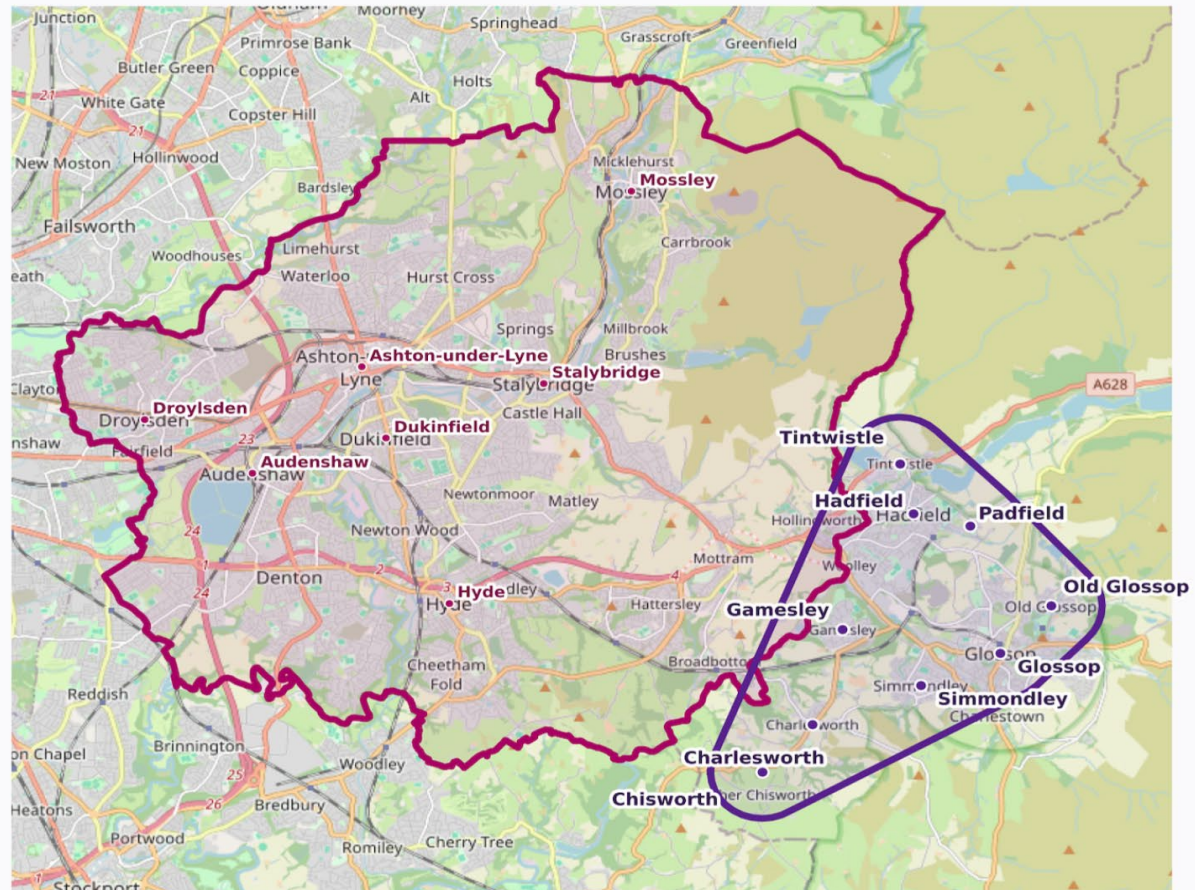
1.42 If you are requesting permission to add more than one existing transmission site, please let us know and complete one set of details for the other site(s) in Annex 1.

I want to request permission to add more than one existing transmission site and I have completed the details of additional existing site(s) in Annex 1, Part D.

Yes / No (delete as appropriate)

Tameside & Glossop

Borough boundary and proposed additional FM service area



■ Tameside borough boundary ■ Proposed Glossop area (illustrative)

Glossop outline is an indicative settlement envelope around the named places; it is not a predicted FM signal contour or a licensed coverage boundary.
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