

Key Commitments change request form

Community radio station name:	Canalside Community Radio
Licence number:	CR160
Licensee (company name):	Same
Contact name:	N Wright
Date of request:	Original request October 07 th 2022 / recent request 25 th January 2023

Details of requested change(s) to Key Commitments

A community radio operator may apply to Ofcom to have the station's Key Commitments amended.

Please complete the table overleaf by including your current Commitment in the left-hand column and your proposed revised Commitment in the centre column. In the right-hand column please give a brief explanation as to why you wish to make each change.

We also require you to complete a second table which asks you to explain your proposed changes with reference to the statutory framework.

If you do not provide an explanation for your proposed changes and a completed comparison table, Ofcom cannot consider a Key Commitments change.

Please complete this form and return it to: broadcast.licensing@ofcom.org.uk

Existing Commitment (as in your published Key Commitments) Please only include one commitment change per row, and add more rows as necessary into the table.	Proposed revised/new Key Commitment	Reason for proposed change
The service provides original output for a minimum of 12 hours per day.	The service provides original output for a minimum of 8 hours per day.	currently rthis is not feasible and therefore we need to drop the hours. We shall however endeavour to go higher if and when time permits and circumstances get improve.

Statutory requirements

Under section 106(1A)(a)-(f) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (as amended and modified¹) Ofcom must be satisfied that your proposed changes **meet at least one of the criteria referred to below**.

Please indicate which of these criteria you believe your proposed changes satisfy by deleting YES or NO as applicable and provide an explanation for why you consider a particular criterion is met in the relevant box. You should note that even if Ofcom is of the opinion that your explanation of your proposed changes meets one or more of these criteria, there may still be reasons why Ofcom is unable to consent to the change. When explaining your proposed changes, it is not enough to state that you believe one of the criteria is met. You must also demonstrate *why* you consider that at least one of these criteria is met.

In particular, if Ofcom is not satisfied that the changes would not substantially alter the character of the service (criterion (a) below), Ofcom cannot consent to the change without consulting on your proposals.² If this is the case, we will contact you to confirm that you are happy for us to consult on your proposed changes, and whether you wish to make any changes to your request in light of the need to make it public.

As part of our consideration of your request to make changes to your Key Commitments, we require applicants to provide an explanation for **at least one** of the criteria below.

(a) In your judgement would the proposed changes substantially alter the character of the service?	YES/NO (Please explain why below)
Absolutely not	
(b) Do you consider that the proposed changes would narrow the range of programmes available by way of relevant independent radio services to persons comprising the relevant community?	YES/NO (Please explain why below)
Absolutely not, our programmes and demographic is more diverse than many	
(c) Do you believe that there is evidence that, amongst persons comprising that community, there is a significant demand for, or significant support for, the changes that you have proposed?	YES/NO (Please explain why below)
The majority of people we have spoken to simply neither care yay or nay I think the correct terminology is "they couldn't care less" or as we say in these parts "they couldn't give a flying cactus"	
(d) Do you consider that your proposed changes would be prejudicial to the access by members of that community to the	YES/NO (Please explain why below)

¹ As amended by sections 312 and 313 of the Communications Act 2003 and modified by the Community Radio Order 2004.

² Ofcom may approve a change under any of criteria (b), (c), (d) and (e) without consultation, or after a consultation of less than 28 days, if Ofcom considers that to hold a consultation at all, or for 28 days or more, would result in a delay that would be likely to prejudice the interests of the licensee. Ofcom may also remove for the purposes of consultation any confidential information submitted by the licensee.

facilities used for the provision of the service and for training in the use of those facilities?	
These changes make no difference whatsoever to the accesibility of the Project nor the Training	
(e) Do you consider that the proposed changes would be prejudicial to the delivery of social gain resulting from the provision of the service provided under your licence?	YES/NO (Please explain why below)
not at all pre-recorded local content can still be dropped into the Programming (and it is)	

Please set out below any additional information and/or evidence you wish to provide in support of your proposed changes.

In particular, you may wish to outline how you think your proposed change(s) fit(s) within Ofcom's [published guidance on changes to Key Commitments](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/31913/kc-changes-guidance.pdf) (https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/31913/kc-changes-guidance.pdf).

there's no evidence except the fasct that if we continue as we are we are for the near future going to be flogging the proverbial dead Horse. Covid has hit us badly, we have lost volunteers and sadly the majority of thiose volunteers were the ones who gave us the ability to hit the 12 - 15 Hours, the ones remaining work behind the scenes, but not upfront and therefore do not affect the figures in a positive manner in relation to this case.

Data Protection

We require the information requested in this form in order to carry out our licensing duties under the Broadcasting Act 1990, Broadcasting Act 1996 and Communications Act 2003. Please see Ofcom's [General Privacy Statement](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/foi-dp/general-privacy-statement) (<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/foi-dp/general-privacy-statement>) for further information about how Ofcom handles your personal information and your corresponding rights.

Ofcom notes on the request

The request was AGREED, because Ofcom was satisfied in relation to Section 106(1A)(a) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (as modified by the Community Radio Order 2004, and further modified by the Community Radio (Amendment) Orders 2010 and 2015) i.e. that the change would not substantially alter the character of the service, and for the policy reasons given below.

The Licensee is requesting to reduce its Key Commitment on original output from a minimum requirement of twelve hours per day to eight hours per day, a reduction of one-third of its original output requirement. In requesting this, the Licensee referenced a loss of volunteer presenters following the Covid pandemic, and stated that it was 'not feasible' for them to continue to meet their current Key Commitments.

Ofcom is satisfied that this change will not substantially alter the nature of the character of the programme service provided by Canalside Radio, and the change will not have any negative impact on the Licensee's ability to deliver the on-air service and its off-air social gain commitments. The request is a modest reduction in original output provision, and will provide the Licensee with more flexibility in the scheduling of its shows. In terms of our policy criteria, Ofcom is satisfied that the changes will not affect the station's ability to meet the community radio 'characteristics of service' set out in the legislation. We therefore decided to exercise our discretion to approve this change.

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