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# Advertisement of licences for small-scale radio multiplex services

Round one

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# 1. Overview

1.1 In this document, Ofcom proposes to grant licences to provide small-scale radio multiplex services, and is therefore inviting applications for licences for the following areas:

- Alnwick & Morpeth
- Basingstoke
- Bradford
- Cambridge
- Cardiff
- Clevedon, Avonmouth & Filton
- Derry/Londonderry
- Dudley & Stourbridge
- East Bristol, Mangotsfield & Keynsham
- Edinburgh
- Exeter
- Glasgow
- Inverclyde
- Isles of Scilly
- Kings Lynn
- Leeds
- Newcastle & Gateshead
- North Birmingham
- Norwich
- Salisbury
- Sheffield & Rotherham
- South Birmingham
- Tynemouth & South Shields
- Welsh Valleys
- Winchester

1.2 A radio multiplex service is the means by which DAB digital radio stations are broadcast and can provide around ten stereo radio stations (or more if DAB+ is utilised).

1.3 The advertisement of these licences constitutes Round One of Ofcom's programme of small-scale DAB licensing, as set out in our statement on small-scale DAB licensing published in April this year. Note that we intend to award only one small-scale radio multiplex licence for each area that we advertise (i.e. we have no plans to award additional small-scale radio multiplex licences for a given area once a small-scale radio multiplex service has been licensed by us to serve that area).

1.4 Small-scale radio multiplex licences are awarded by Ofcom in a competitive process. This means that applications are judged against specified criteria, and Ofcom awards each licence to the applicant which it considers best meets the criteria.

1.5 The closing-date for applications for the small-scale radio multiplex licences listed above is 5pm on Monday 23 November 2020. The non-refundable application fee is £500.

1.6 Ofcom is also now inviting applications from potential programme service providers who would like to broadcast a Community Digital Sound Programme ('C-DSP') service on a small-scale radio multiplex service for which a licence is being advertised in this document.

## 2. The licences being advertised

2.1 This section provides, for each small-scale radio multiplex licence we are advertising in Round One, a map specifying the geographical area or locality which the licence is intended to cover, and a table of relevant data for each licence area, including the adult population coverage. The glossary below explains the data contained in these tables:

<b>Licence area population</b>	The total adult (aged 15+) population within the area that the advertised multiplex licence is intended to cover (i.e. the population enclosed by the red line on the map). This, and all other population data in these tables, is derived from 2011 Census data.
<b>Size of licence area</b>	The geographical size, in square kilometres, of the area that the advertised multiplex licence is intended to cover (i.e. the area enclosed within the red line on the map). The figure includes areas of sea where applicable.
<b>Reserved C-DSP capacity</b>	<p>The small-scale DAB legislation requires Ofcom to ensure that small-scale radio multiplex licensees must reserve broadcast capacity for a minimum of three Community Digital Sound Programme ('C-DSP') services. It also requires us to specify this reservation at the time of advertising a small-scale radio multiplex licence. For each licence we are advertising, Ofcom has determined the number of C-DSP services for which capacity must be reserved. These decisions were taken based on the factors set out in paragraph 6.13 of our <a href="#">Licensing small-scale DAB statement</a>.</p> <p>The licensee must ensure that at least 36 capacity units<sup>1</sup> are reserved for each C-DSP service. For example, a capacity reservation for three services means that 108 capacity units (i.e. 3 x 36 capacity units) must be reserved exclusively for use by C-DSP services. This capacity cannot be used by the multiplex licensee for any purpose other than for the carriage of radio services holding a C-DSP licence.</p>
<b>Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)</b>	This is the name of an existing local radio multiplex service which overlaps with the area to be covered by the small-scale radio multiplex service for which the licence is being advertised. The total adult (aged 15+) population within the existing local radio multiplex service's licensed area (which may be larger than the area it serves from its current transmitter network) is noted in brackets. Where more than one existing

<sup>1</sup> 36 capacity units is equivalent to a DAB+ bitrate of 48 kbit/s at protection level EEP3A.

	<p>local radio multiplex service overlaps with the small-scale radio multiplex licence area being advertised, additional rows labelled ‘Local DAB service 2 [..]’ and ‘Local DAB service 3 [...]’ are included as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)</b></p>	<p>The adult (aged 15+) population falling within the advertised small-scale radio multiplex licence area which also falls within the licensed area of the overlapping local radio multiplex service noted above. This overlapping population is provided as an absolute figure, and also as a percentage of the local radio multiplex service’s total licensed area population in brackets.</p> <p>The extent of overlaps between small-scale and local radio multiplex service licensed areas is relevant, as there is a legal requirement to limit such overlaps to no more than 40% of the population in the licensed area of the existing local radio multiplex service.</p>
<p><b>Proposed frequency block</b></p>	<p>The nominal transmission frequency which has been allocated to the advertised small-scale radio multiplex licence area, and on which we intend for the service to be provided. Applicants should note that the frequency given here is provisional, reflecting Ofcom’s intention at time of advertisement. It may change prior to licence award for spectrum management reasons, but applicants must base their applications on the specified frequency.</p>
<p><b>Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes</b></p>	<p>Lists any nearby small-scale radio multiplex services and/or any existing (or proposed) local radio multiplex services which may share the nominal transmission frequency block above.</p> <p>A spreadsheet containing links to licence area data and population data for these co-block areas is available on the Ofcom website: <a href="#">Supporting technical data and links for Round One locations</a>. This data is in MapInfo Interchange Format and can be imported into geographic information system (GIS) software packages. The spreadsheet also contains links to standalone maps for all small-scale and local radio multiplex licensed areas.</p> <p>The information on co-block DAB services is relevant given that there are limits on the amount of signal strength that a small-scale radio multiplex service can place into the licensed area of another radio multiplex service which uses the same frequency block. These signal strength limits are 38 dBµV/m in the case of other small-scale radio multiplex licensed areas, and 29 dBµV/m where local radio multiplex services use co-block</p>

	frequencies. In the tables below each map, local radio multiplex services are identified by the letters 'LRMS' following the area name. Other area names denote other actual or planned small-scale multiplex areas.
<b>&lt;Link to licence area data&gt;</b>	A link to data files which describe the geographic licence area. This data is in MapInfo Interchange Format and can be imported into a geographic information system (GIS) software package.
<b>&lt;Link to population data&gt;</b>	A link to data files containing the population distribution within the licence area. This data is in MapInfo Interchange Format and can be imported into a geographic information system (GIS) software package.

- 2.2 Each small-scale radio multiplex licence will be granted for a period of seven years from the commencement of broadcasting, with a further five-year renewal period available. Services must be on air within 18 months of the licence being awarded. This is a legal requirement of the small-scale DAB legislation and successful applicants should expect Ofcom to apply it strictly and to proceed to re-advertise a licence where a service is not launched within 18 months.
- 2.3 At the same time as Ofcom is advertising the Round One small-scale radio multiplex licences, we are also inviting applications from potential programme service providers who would like to broadcast a Community Digital Sound Programme ('C-DSP') service on any of the small-scale radio multiplex services for which a licence is being advertised in this document. There is no deadline by which an application for a C-DSP licence must be submitted to Ofcom. This means that the window for making an application for a C-DSP licence for a service to be provided on any of the small-scale radio multiplex services for which a licence is being advertised in Round 1 is now 'open' for the foreseeable future. Prospective C-DSP licence applicants should also note that the C-DSP licence application process does not require them to align themselves with one or more applicants for the licence for the small-scale DAB radio multiplex service that they wish to broadcast on, and they can, if they so wish, wait until after the small-scale radio multiplex licence has been awarded before submitting a C-DSP licence application. However, we would advise multiplex applicants and potential C-DSP providers to liaise with each other at an early stage as a broadcaster will need a carriage agreement as well as a licence in order to reach its target community.
- 2.4 There is no restriction on an applicant for a small-scale radio multiplex licence also applying for a C-DSP licence to broadcast on that small-scale radio multiplex service (i.e. a small-scale radio multiplex licensee can also broadcast a C-DSP service on its own multiplex). Indeed, one of the matters the legislation requires Ofcom to consider in awarding a small-scale multiplex licence is the desirability of awarding to an applicant who is, or has as a participant, someone proposing to provide a C-DSP service in that locality.

- 2.5 The application forms ([Part A](#) and [Part B](#)) and accompanying [Guidance Notes](#) for C-DSP applicants and licensees are available on Ofcom's website.
- 2.6 Ofcom reserves the right to alter or correct any part of this Notice at any stage before the closing date for applications. Any additional documents referred to in this Notice may also be amended from time to time. Any such alterations, corrections or supplementary information will be made available on our website.
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## Alnwick & Morpeth

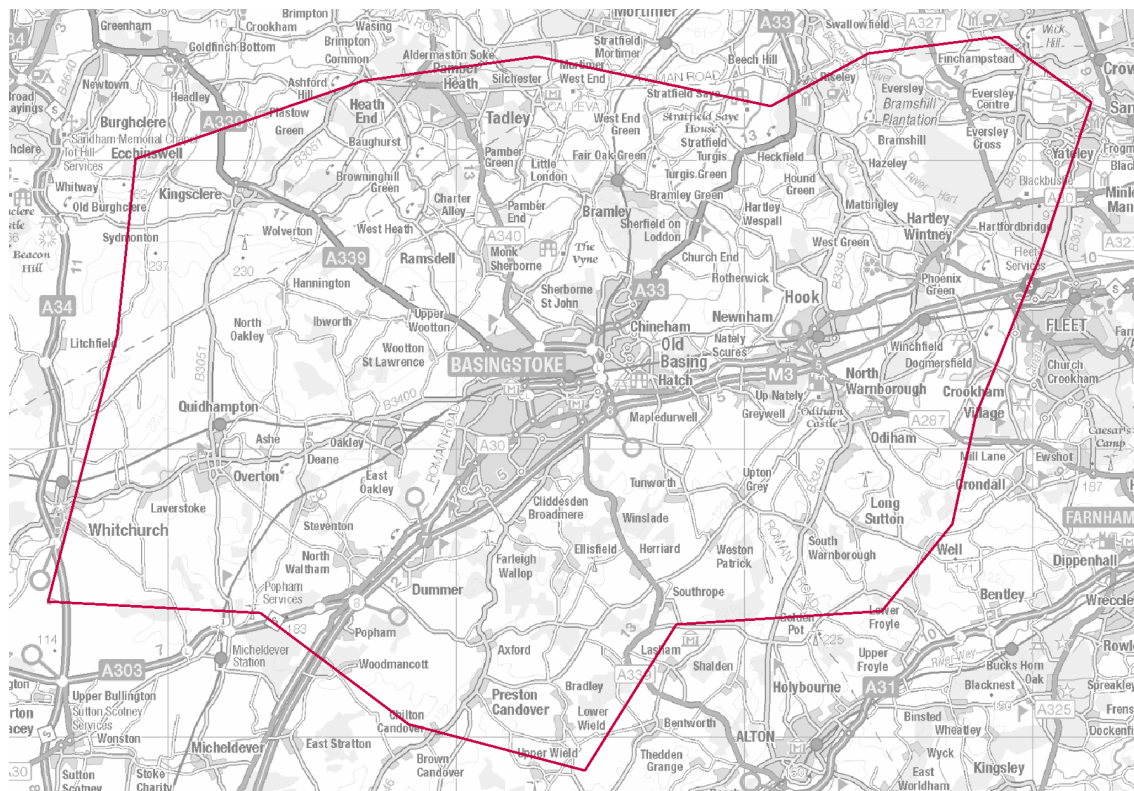


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Licence area population	296,271 adults	Size of licence area	1,591 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity	FIVE services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Tyne & Wear (1,475,294)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	296,271 (20.1%)
Proposed frequency block	8B	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Scottish Borders; Peterlee; Darlington & Bishops Auckland; Carlisle & Penrith.
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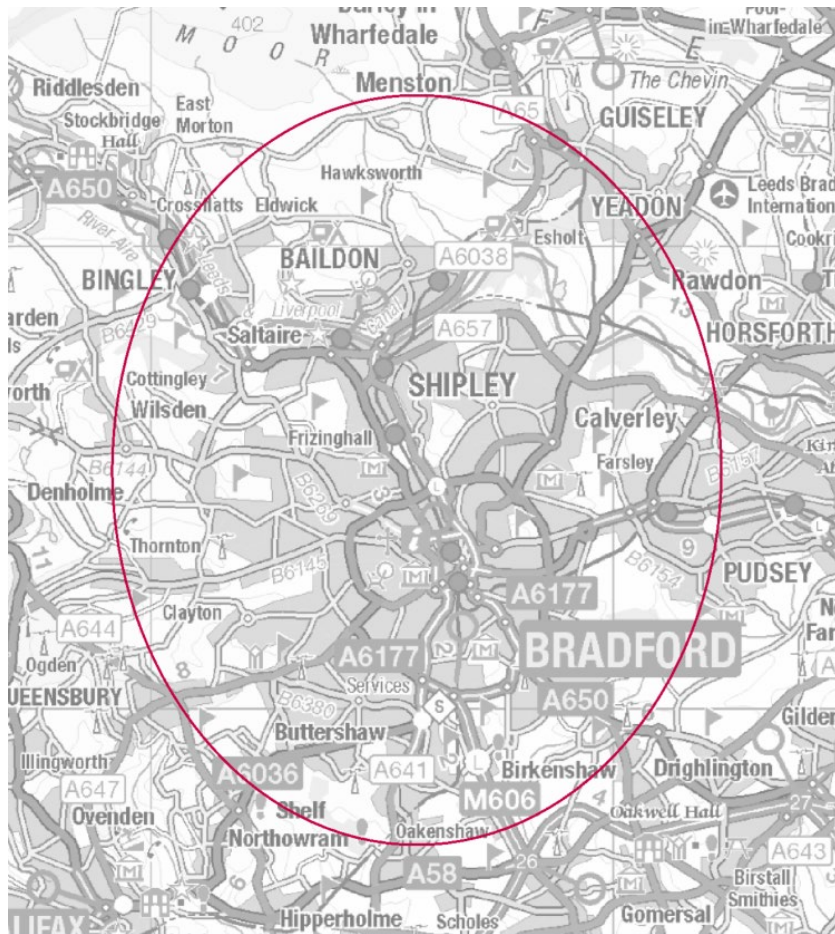
## Basingstoke



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Licence area population	153,951 adults	Size of licence area	621 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	THREE services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Berkshire & North Hampshire (905,061)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	126,792 (14.0%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Surrey (1,126,308)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	27,159 (2.4%)
Proposed frequency block	7D	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Oxford; North Buckinghamshire; West London; Sussex - North and Reigate; Sussex - South West; Southampton; Ringwood, Verwood & Fordingbridge; Warminster, Devizes & Trowbridge; Swindon; Witney.
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## Bradford



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Licence area population	335,266 adults	Size of licence area	166 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SEVEN services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Bradford (934,540)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	306,258 (32.8%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Leeds (1,152,218)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	94,875 (8.2%)
Proposed frequency block	9A	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Catterick; Ripon & Thirsk; Malton; West Hull; Scunthorpe; Sheffield & Rotherham; Glossop & Buxton; Oldham & Rochdale; Blackburn; Burnley & Darwen; Clitheroe.
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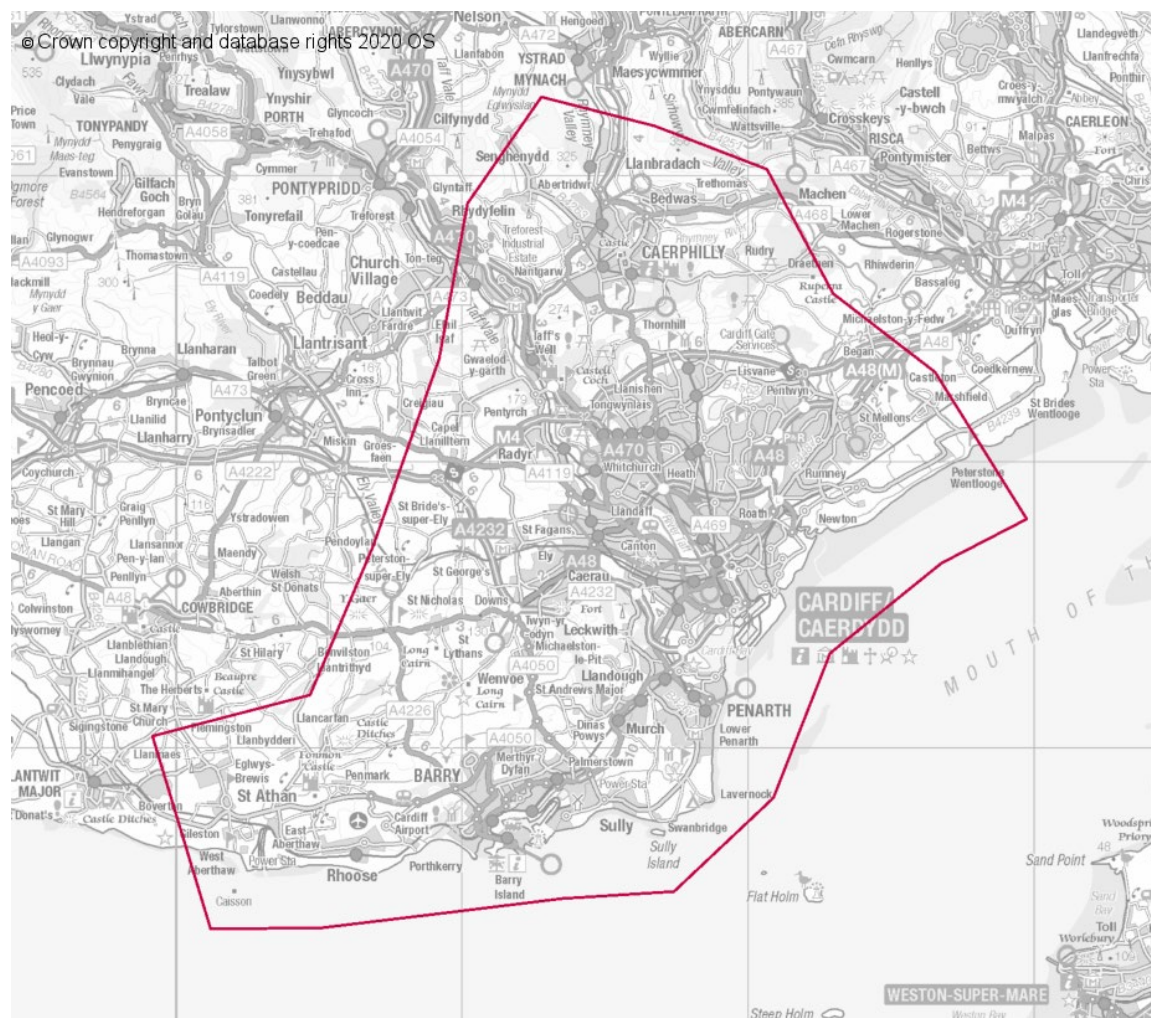
## Cambridge



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Licence area population	135,718 adults	Size of licence area	147 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SIX services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Cambridge (417,895)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	135,718 (32.5%)
Proposed frequency block	8B	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Boston; Spalding & Skegness; North Norfolk; Norwich; Central Suffolk; Colchester & Clacton; Chelmsford; Harlow; Luton; Wellingborough; Corby & Kettering.
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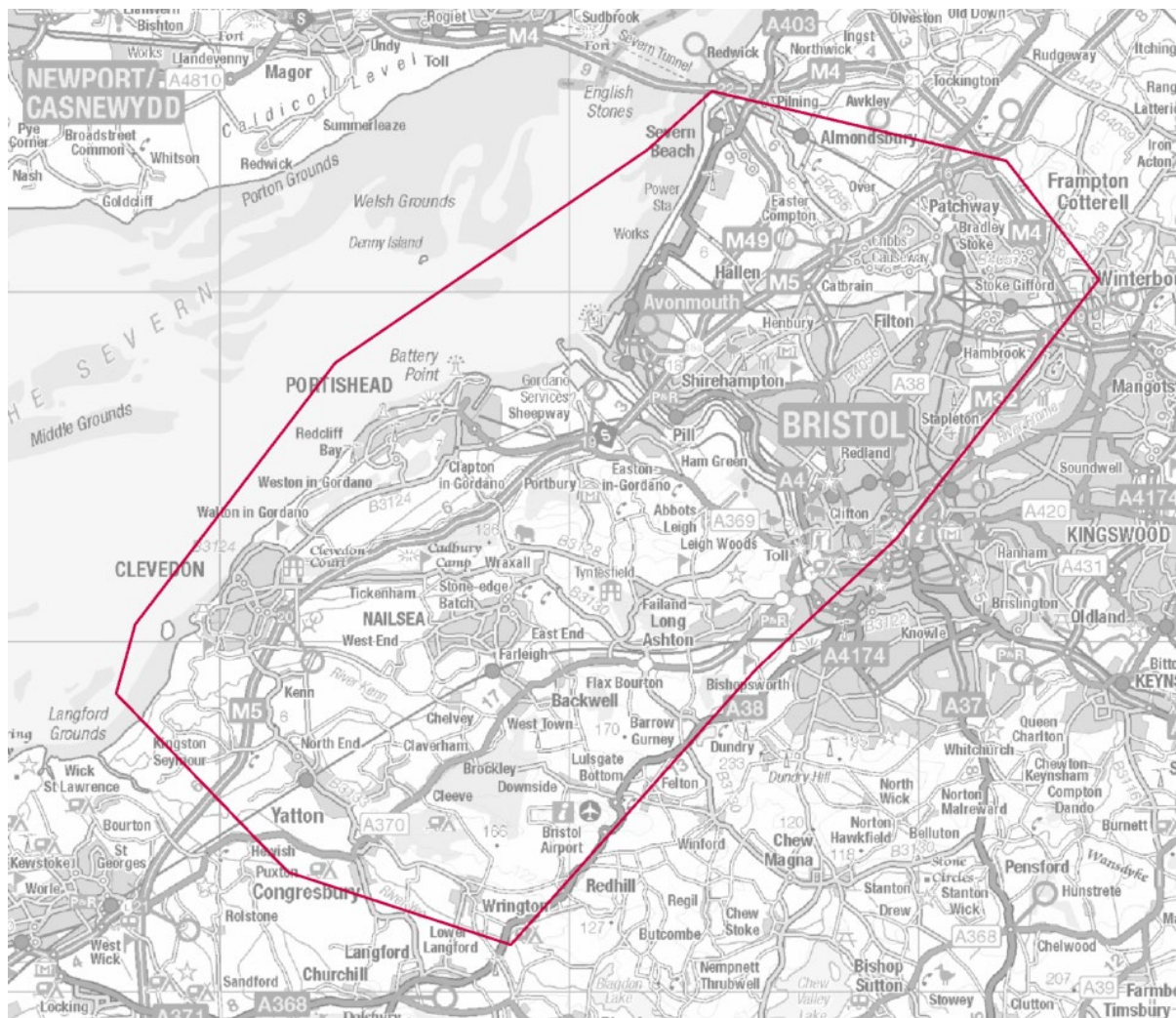
## Cardiff



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Licence area population	420,302 adults	Size of licence area	476 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SIX services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	South East Wales (1,514,815)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	420,302 (27.7%)
Proposed frequency block	10D	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	North Powys; Ludlow; Cleobury Mortimer & Tenbury Wells; Cheltenham & Tewksbury; Weymouth & Dorchester; Exeter; Barnstaple & Bideford; <b>West &amp; South Wilts LRMS.</b>
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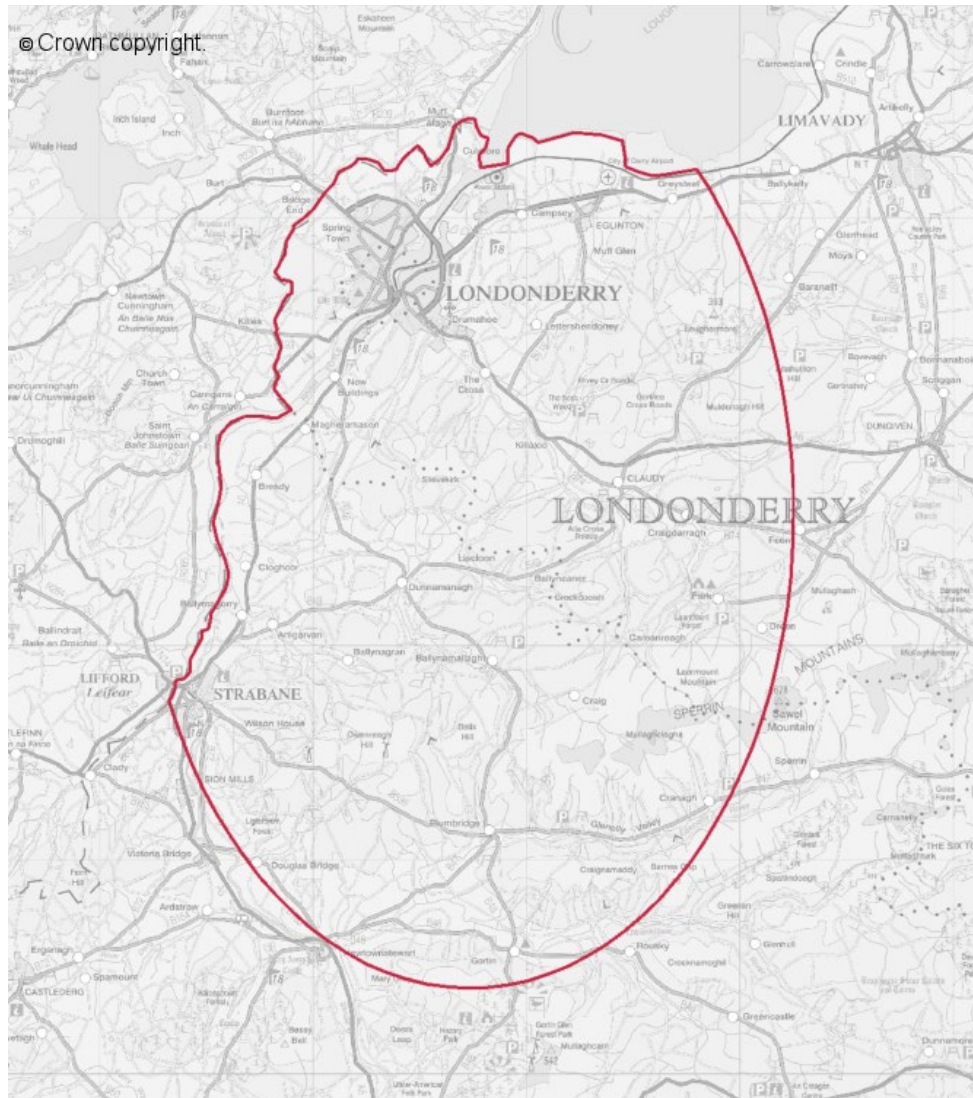
## Clevedon, Avonmouth & Filton



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Licence area population	308,353 adults	Size of licence area	364 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SEVEN services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Bristol & Bath (905,061)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	308,353 (34.1%)
Proposed frequency block	12D	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Shaftesbury & Blandford Forum; Yeovil; Taunton; Tiverton; <b>Reading &amp; Basingstoke LRMS;</b> <b>Mid &amp; West Wales LRMS;</b> <b>Coventry LRMS.</b>
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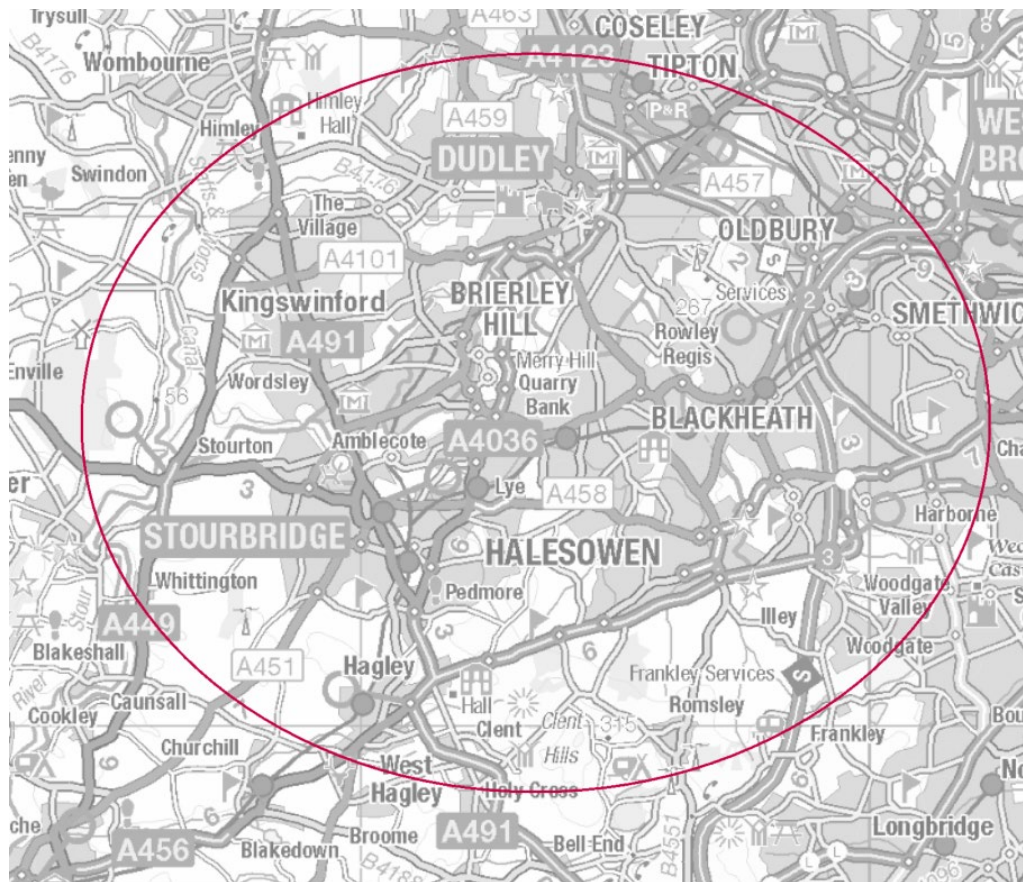
## Derry/Londonderry



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Licence area population	106,085 adults	Size of licence area	1,075 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	FOUR services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Northern Ireland (1,448,895)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	106,085 (7.3%)
Proposed frequency block	11C	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Kintyre; Islay & Jura; Ballymena; Belfast & Lisburn; Armagh.
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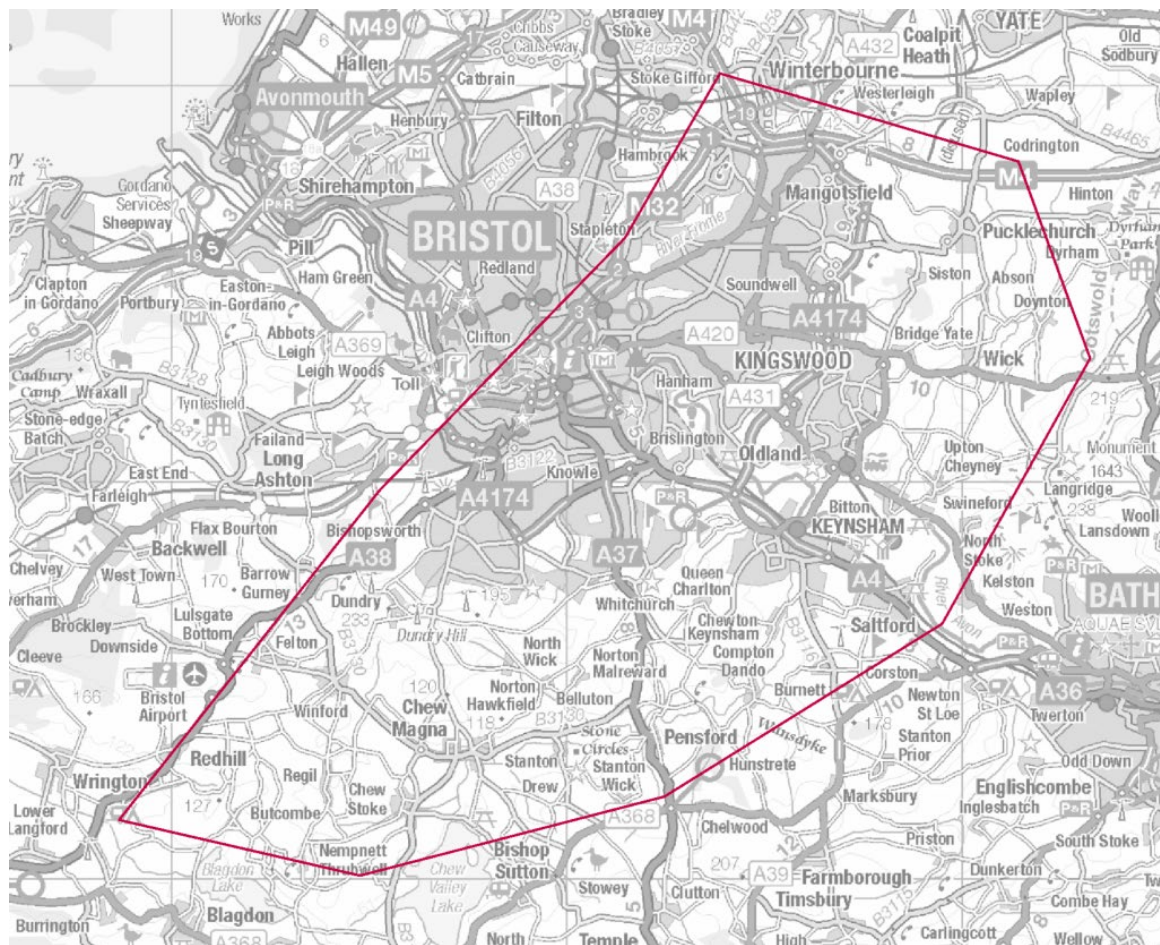
## Dudley & Stourbridge



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Licence area population	401,667 adults	Size of licence area	202 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	FOUR services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Birmingham (2,012,043)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	356,926 (17.7%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury (1,317,388)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	298,058 (22.6%)
Proposed frequency block	9C	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Derby; Stoke & Newcastle; Leicester; Loughborough & Coalville; Coventry; Leamington Spa & Stratford-upon-Avon; Cheltenham & Tewkesbury; Monmouth; South Powys; North Powys.
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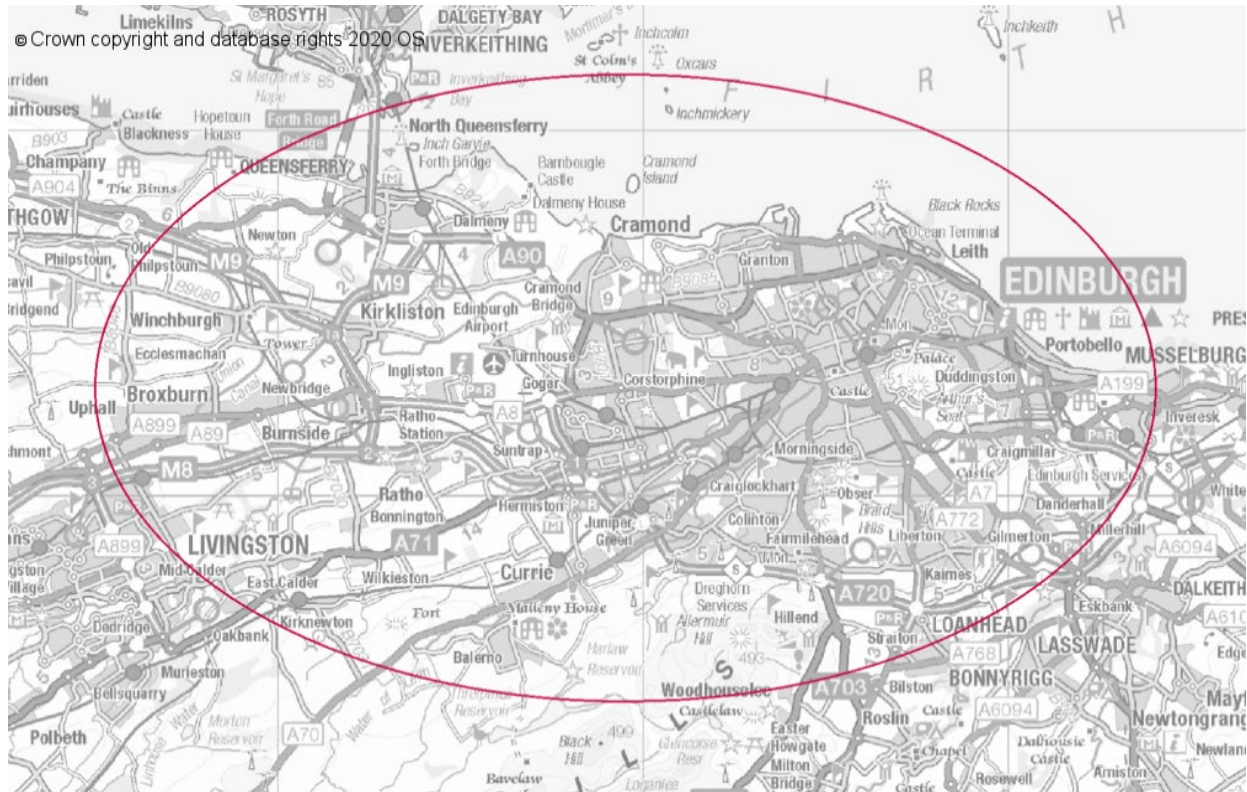


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Licence area population	321,758 adults	Size of licence area	255 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SEVEN services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Bristol & Bath (905,061)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	321,758 (35.6%)
Proposed frequency block	7D	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Gloucester; Cirencester; Swindon; Salisbury; Shaftesbury & Blandford Forum; Yeovil; Bridgewater; Bridgend; Brecon; Monmouth.
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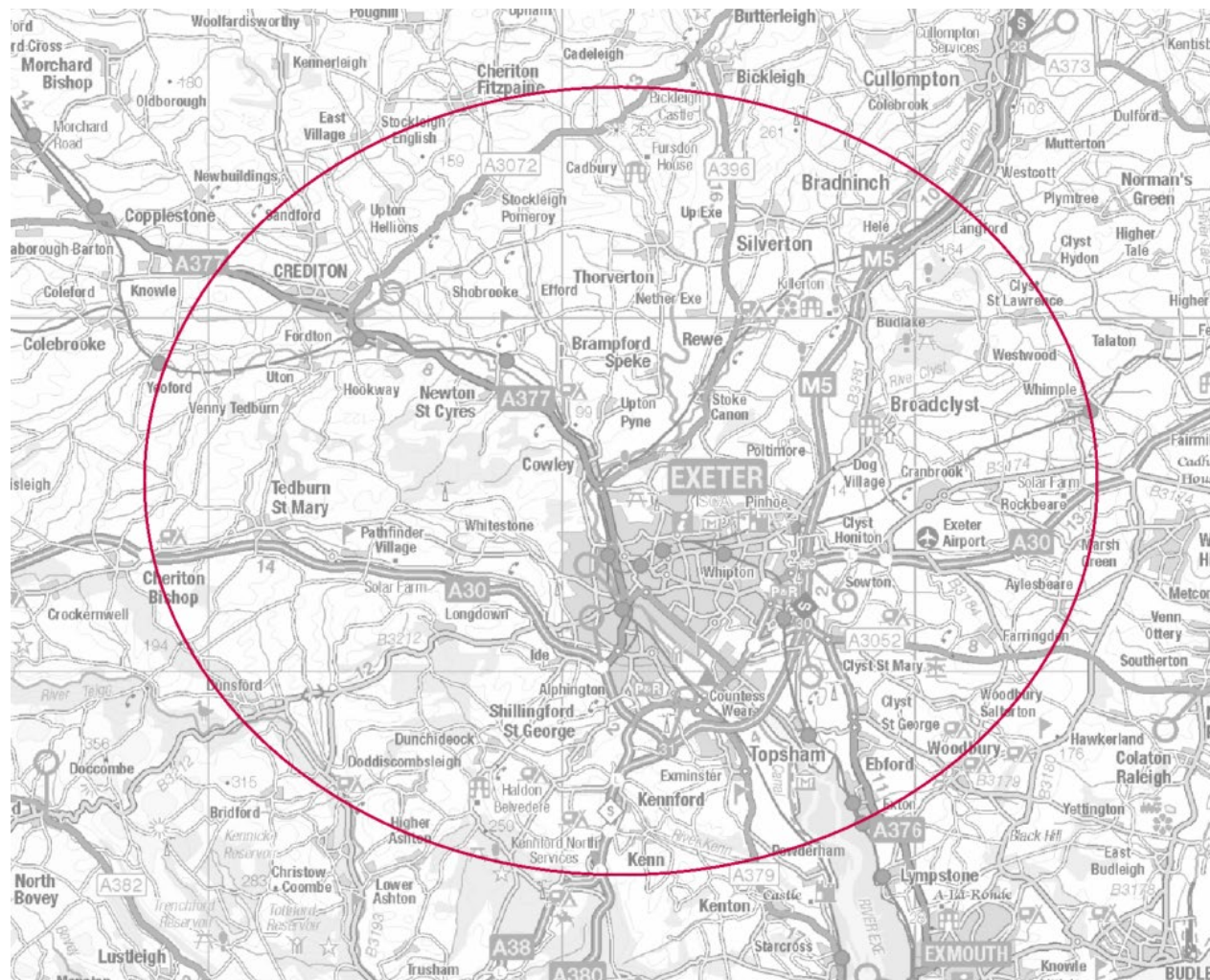
## Edinburgh



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Licence area population	439,875 adults	Size of licence area	375 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SIX services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Edinburgh (1,266,453)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	439,875 (34.7%)
Proposed frequency block	9B	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Perth; Arbroath; Arnaudie & Montrose; Scottish Borders; Lanarkshire; Glasgow.
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## Exeter



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Licence area population	130,161 adults	Size of licence area	452 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	FOUR services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Exeter, Torbay & N Devon (704,183)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	130,161 (18.5%)
Proposed frequency block	7D	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	West Somerset; Taunton; Weymouth; Dorchester & Bridport; South Hams; Plymouth; Barnstaple & Bideford.
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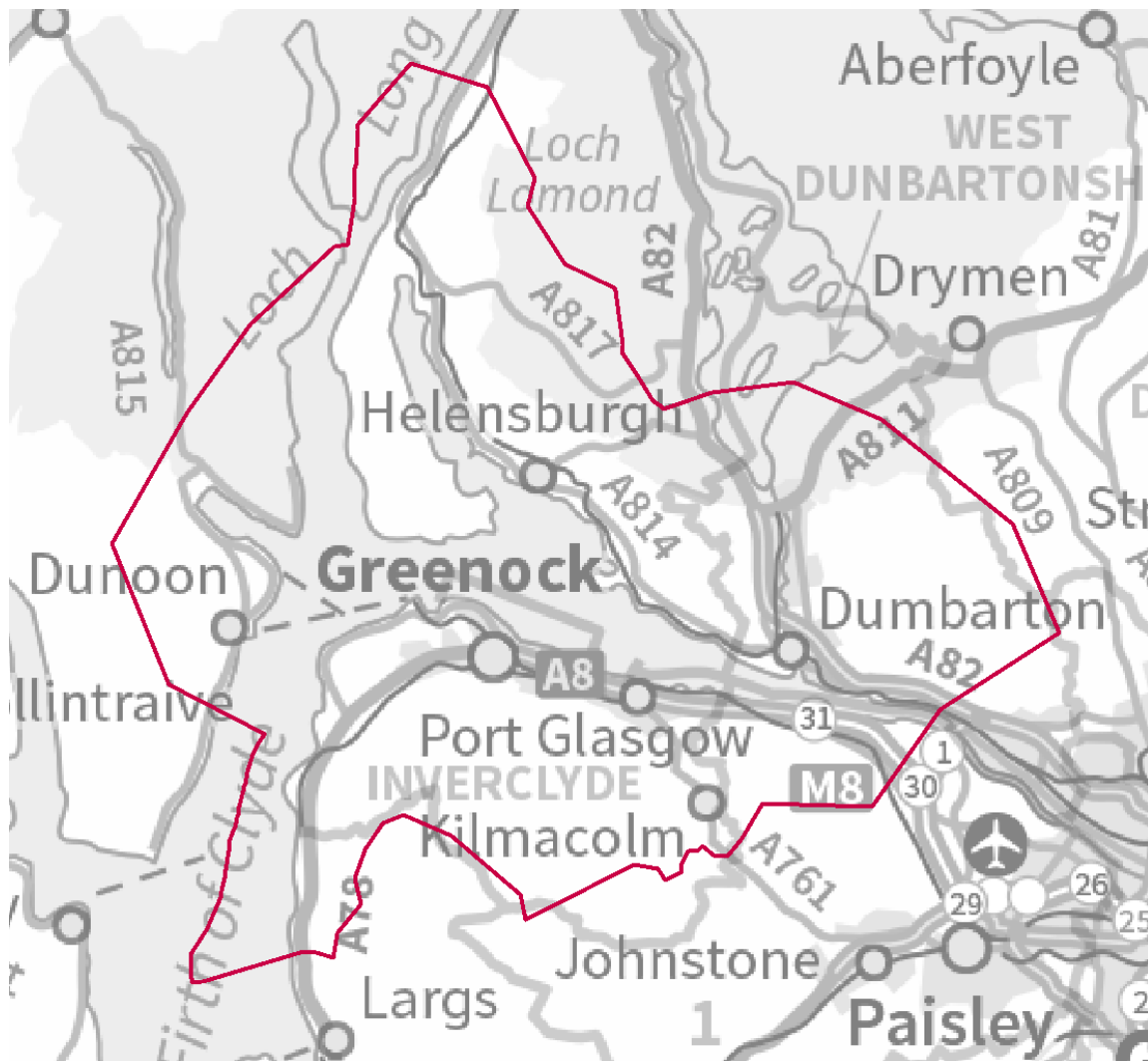
## Glasgow



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Licence area population	627,566 adults	Size of licence area	304 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	EIGHT services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Glasgow (1,888,146)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	627,566 (33.2%)
Proposed frequency block	8B	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Perth; Glenrothes & Kirkcaldy; Edinburgh; Midlothian; Girvan & Cumnock; Ayr; Troon & Irvine; Kintyre, Islay & Jura.
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## Inverclyde



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Licence area population	142,526 adults	Size of licence area	746 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	THREE services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Glasgow (1,888,146)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	142,292 (7.5%)
Proposed frequency block	9B	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Oban; Perth; Edinburgh; Dunfermline & Kinross; Ayr; Troon & Irvine; Girvan & Cumnock; Ards Peninsula; Larne, Carrickfergus & Newtown Abbey.
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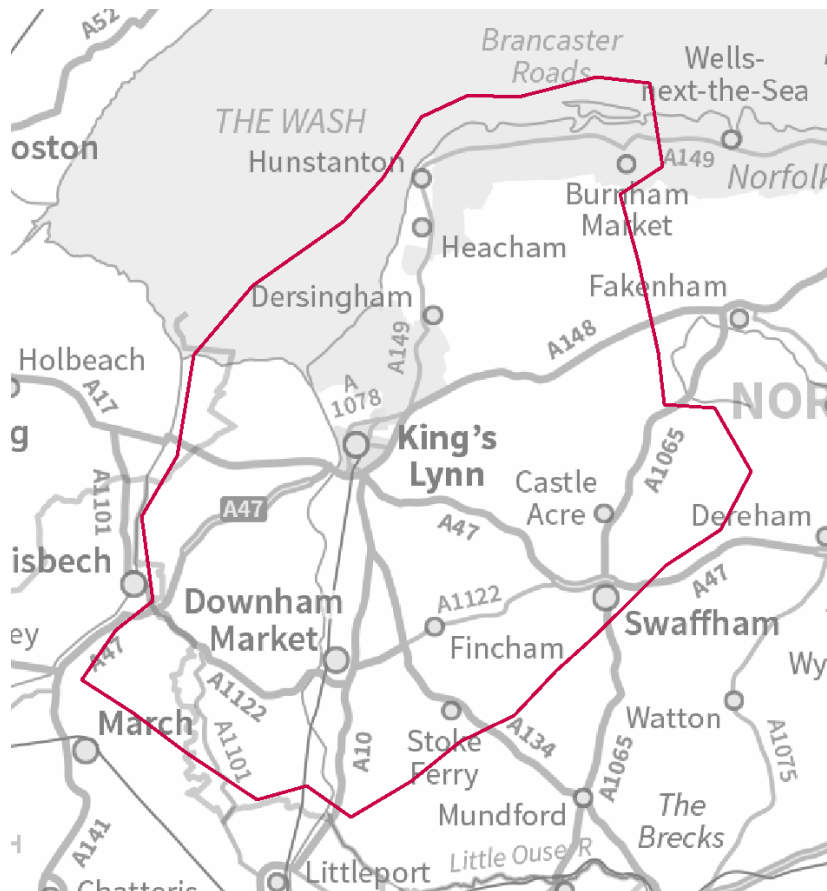
## Isles of Scilly



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Licence area population	1,879 adults	Size of licence area	496 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	THREE services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Cornwall & Plymouth (732,168)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	1,879 (0.3%)
Proposed frequency block	8A	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Newquay; St Austell & Truro.
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## Kings Lynn



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Licence area population	142,182 adults	Size of licence area	1,719 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	THREE services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Norfolk (800,879)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	130,998 (16.4%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Peterborough (442,822)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	11,184 (2.5%)
Proposed frequency block	9C	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Great Yarmouth & Lowestoft; Central Suffolk; Ipswich & Felixstowe; Colchester & Clacton; Bedford; Corby & Kettering; Newark-on-Trent; Lincoln; Grimsby.
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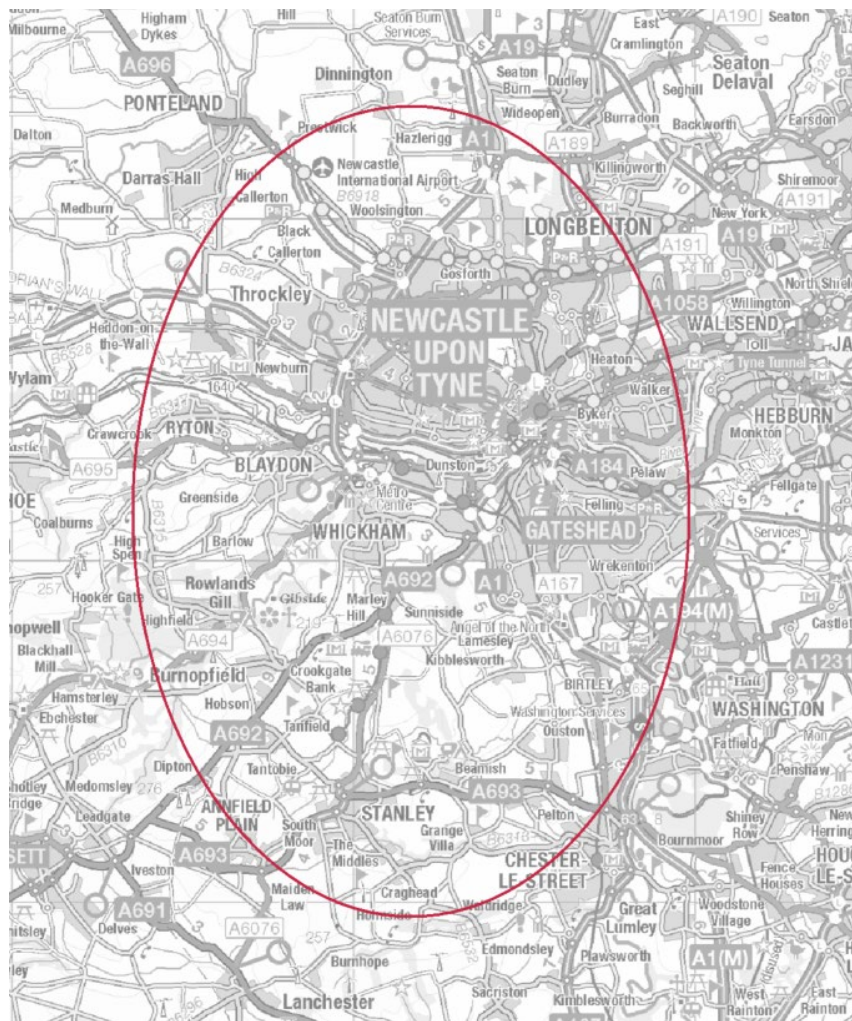
## Leeds



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Licence area population	450,083 adults	Size of licence area	185 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SEVEN services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Leeds (1,152,218)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	450,083 (39.1%)
Proposed frequency block	8B	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Catterick, Ripon & Thirsk, Malton, East Hull, Scunthorpe, Lincoln, Sheffield & Rotherham, Glossop & Buxton, Oldham & Rochdale, Blackburn, Burnley & Darwen and Clitheroe.
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## Newcastle & Gateshead



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Licence area population	446,252 adults	Size of licence area	300 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SEVEN services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Tyne & Wear (1,475,294)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	446,252 (30.2%)
Proposed frequency block	8A	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Scottish Borders; Middlesbrough & Redcar; Stockton-on-Tees; Catterick; Ripon & Thirsk; Carlisle & Penrith
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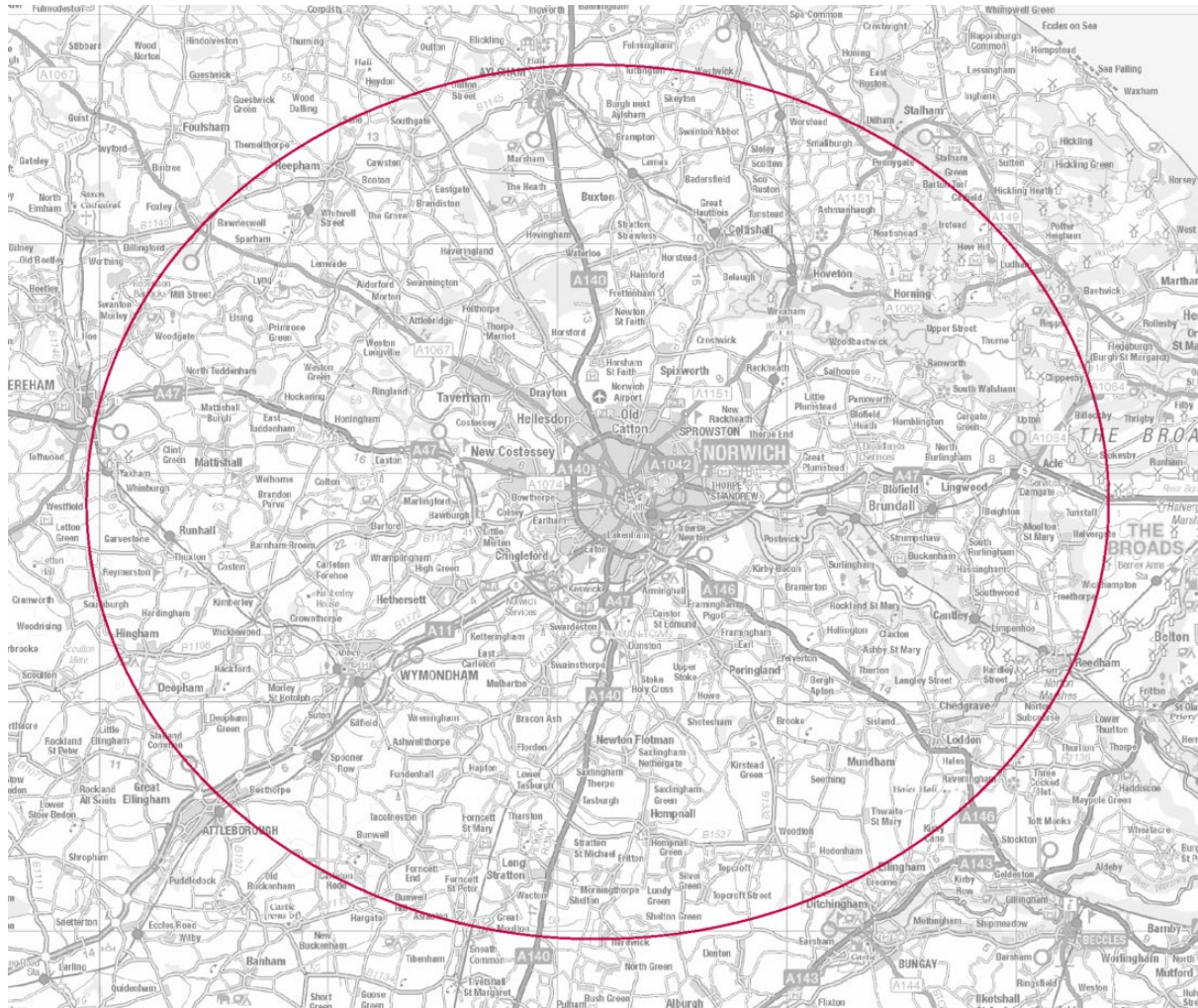
## North Birmingham



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Licence area population	598,040 adults	Size of licence area	245 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SEVEN services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Birmingham (2,012,043)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	598,040 (29.7%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury (1,317,388)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	24,209 (1.8%)
Proposed frequency block	8A	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Congleton & Leek; Erewash; Nottingham; Coventry; Northampton; Banbury & Bicester; Cheltenham & Tewkesbury; Worcester; Ludlow, Cleobury & Tenbury Wells.
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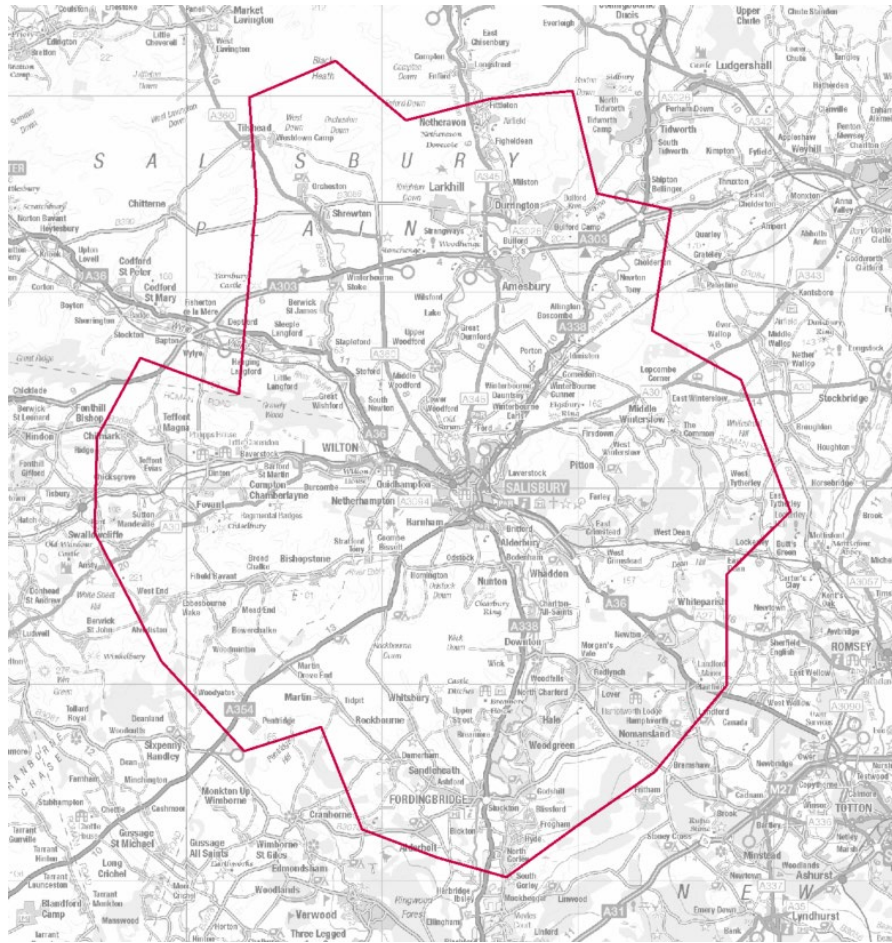
## Norwich



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Licence area population	299,519 adults	Size of licence area	1,219 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	FOUR services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Norfolk (800,879)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	117,645 (14.7%)
Proposed frequency block	12A	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Haverhill & Surroundings; Cambridge; Ely & March; <b>Lincolnshire LRMS;</b> <b>London II LRMS.</b>
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## Salisbury



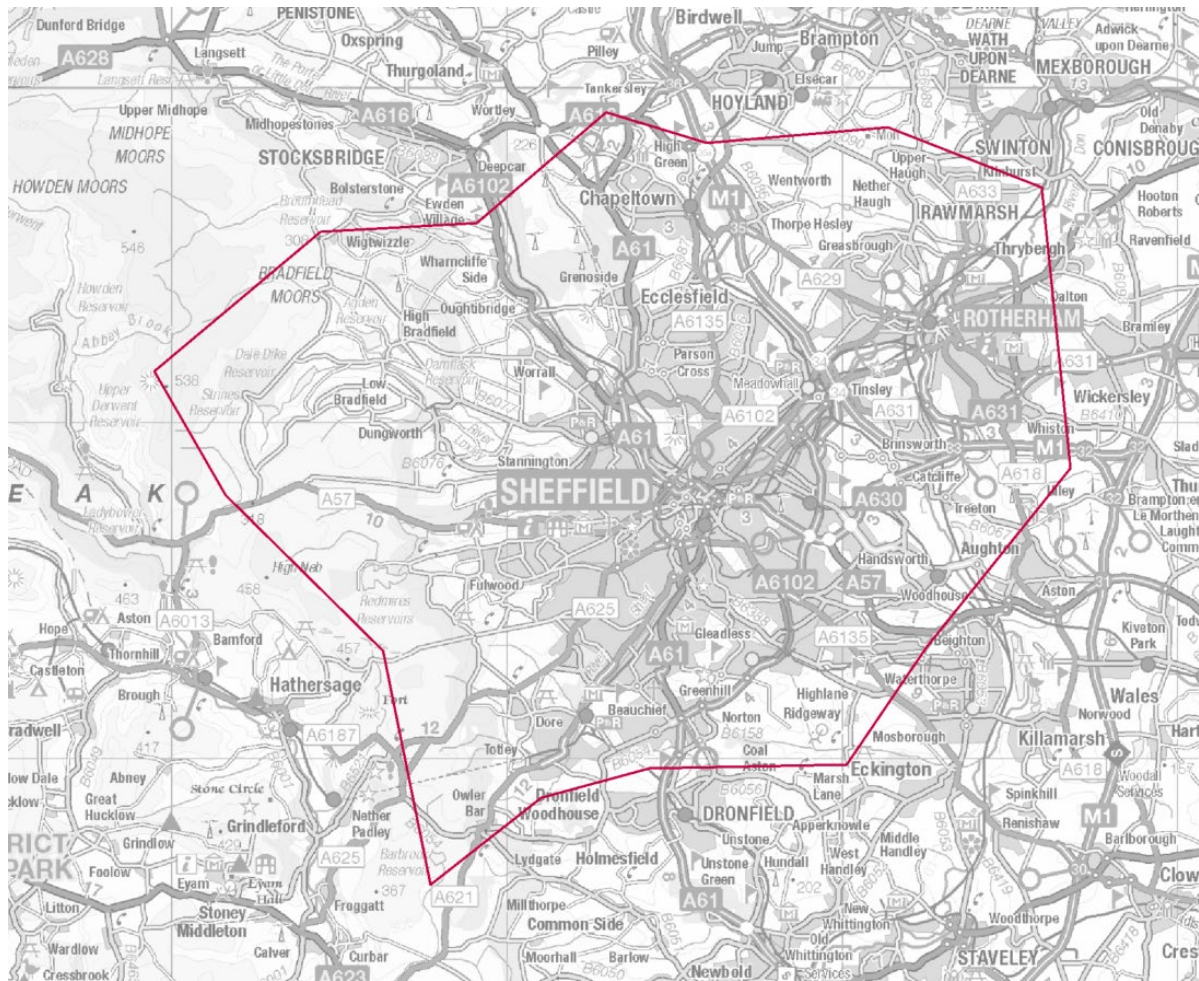
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Licence area population	101,458 adults	Size of licence area	942 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	THREE services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Swindon & Wiltshire (614,196)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	88,694 (14.4%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Bournemouth & Dorset (653,110)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	11,963 (1.8%)
Local DAB service 3 (and licence area population)	South Hampshire (1,203,463)	Local DAB service 3 population overlap (and percentage)	801 (0.1%)
Proposed frequency block	9A	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Swindon; Berkshire North & South Oxfordshire; Basingstoke; Alton; Petersfield;

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			Haslemere & Bordon; Portsmouth; Yeovil; North Somerset; Bath & Midsomer Norton; Chippenham & Malmesbury.
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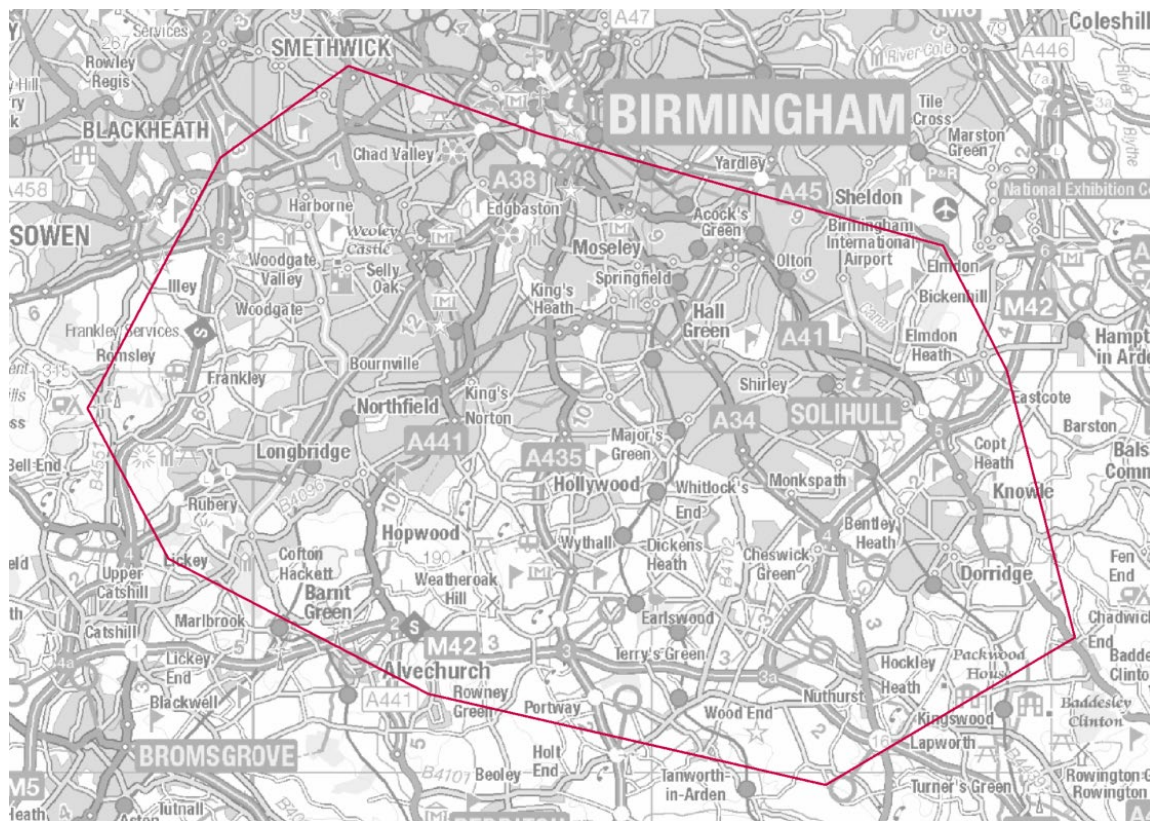
## Sheffield & Rotherham



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Licence area population	523,896 adults	Size of licence area	395 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SEVEN services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	South Yorkshire (1,416,988)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	523,896 (37.0%)
Proposed frequency block	7D	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Wetherby & Harrogate; East Hull; Grimsby; Newark-on-Trent; Nottingham; Erewash; Derby; Glossop & Buxton; Huddersfield.
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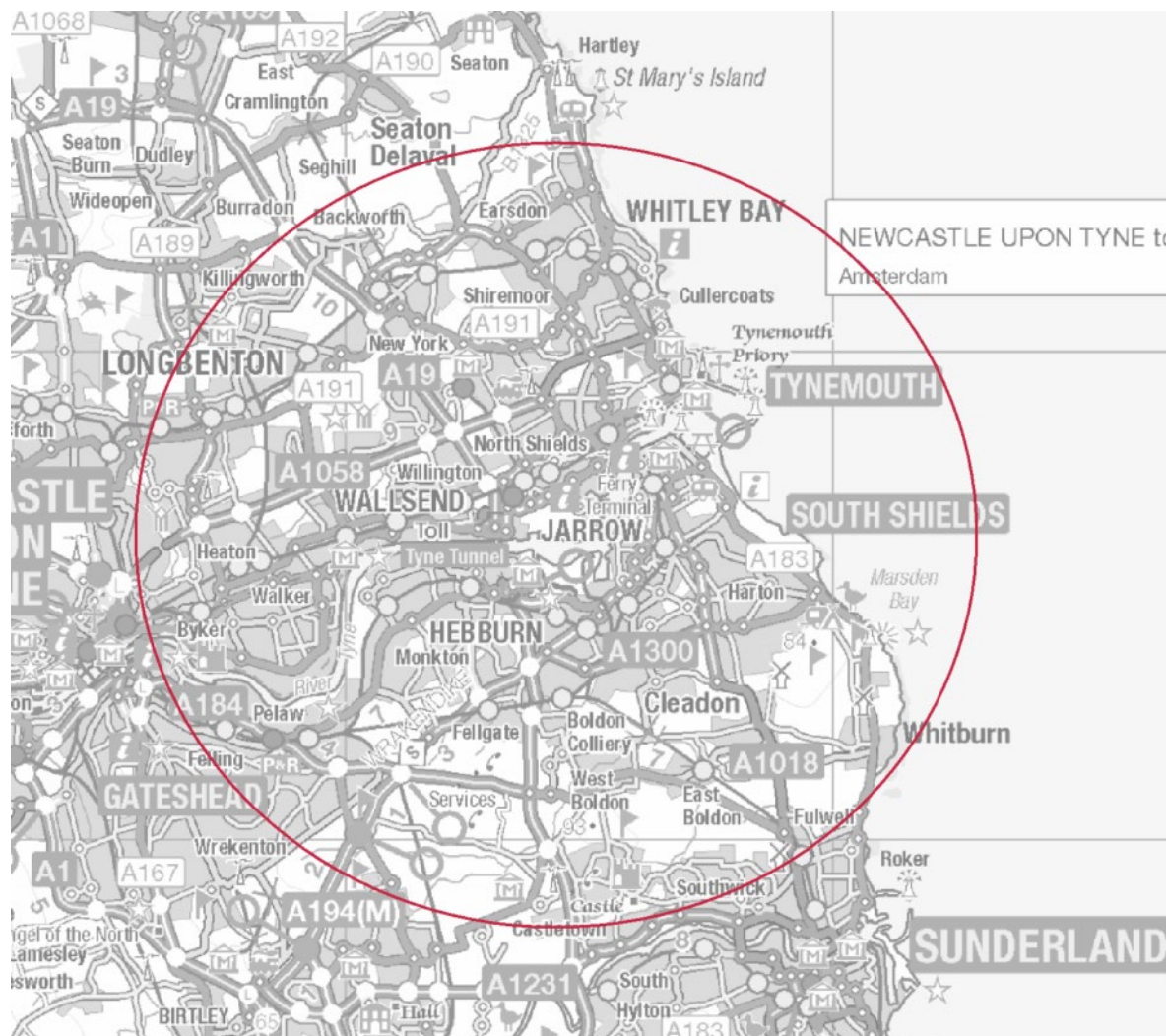
## South Birmingham



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Licence area population	459,936 adults	Size of licence area	294 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	SEVEN services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Birmingham (2,012,043)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	535,316 (26.6%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Coventry (749,125)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	17,862 (2.4%)
Proposed frequency block	7D	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Stoke & Newcastle; Derby; Erewash; Coventry; Leicester; Market Harborough; Northampton; Banbury & Bicester; Cheltenham & Tewkesbury; South Powys; North Powys.
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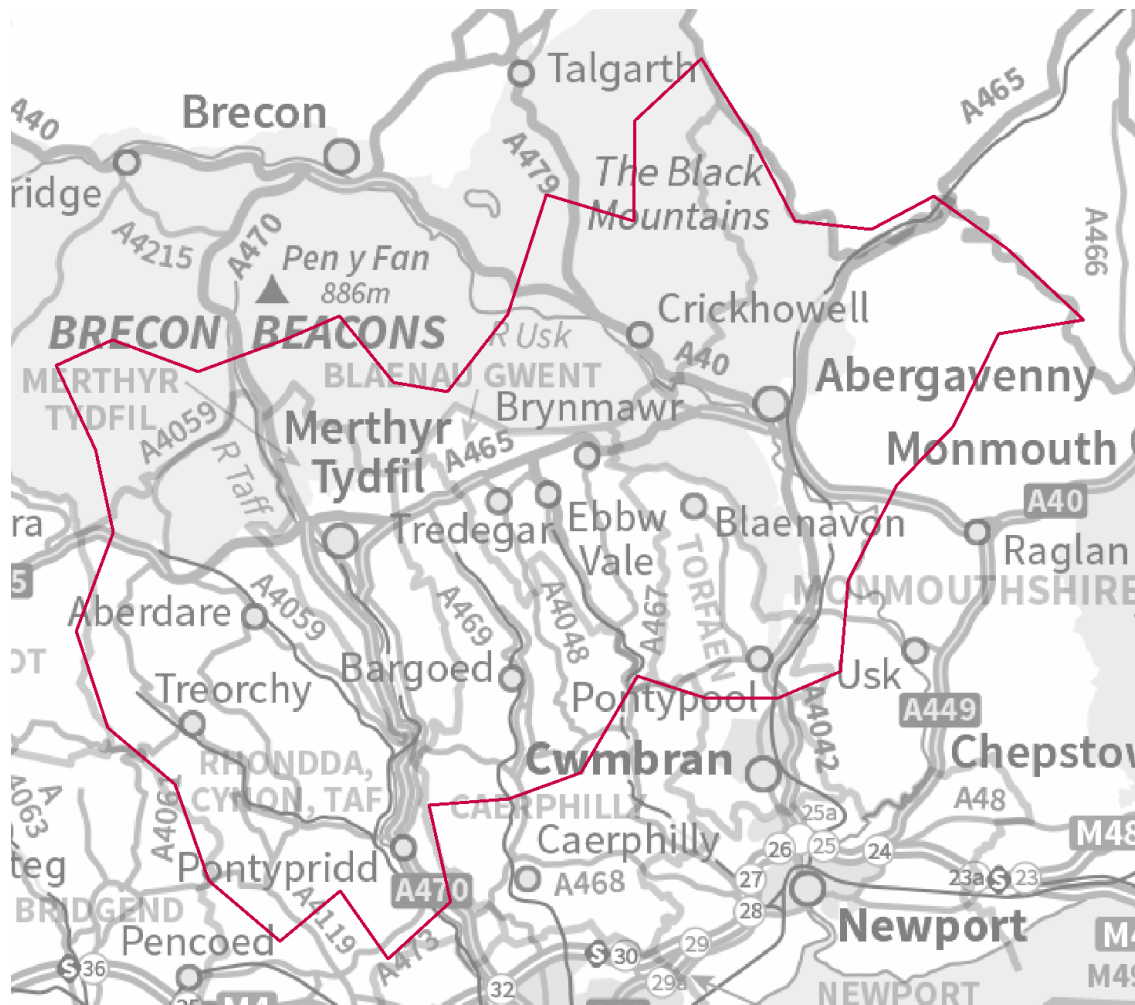
## Tynemouth & South Shields



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Licence area population	380,429 adults	Size of licence area	214 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	FOUR services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	Tyne & Wear (1,475,294)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	380,429 (25.8%)
Proposed frequency block	9B	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Sottish Borders; Yorkshire Coast; Stockton-on-Tees; Darlington & Bishops Auckland; Carlisle & Penrith.
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## Welsh Valleys



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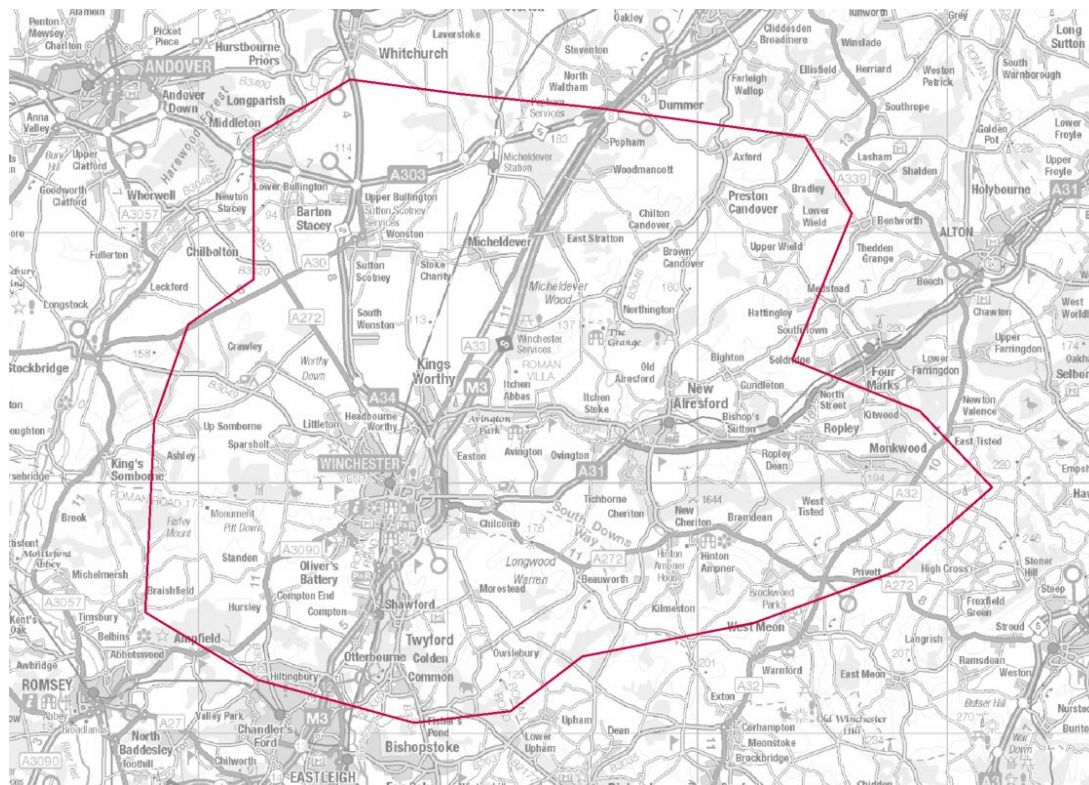
Licence area population	410,007 adults	Size of licence area	1,414 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	FIVE services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	South East Wales (1,514,815)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	405,107 (26.7%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Mid & West Wales (379,159)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	4,900 (1.3%)
Proposed frequency block	9C	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Aberystwyth; Ludlow; Cleobury Mortimer & Tenbury Wells; Worcester; Gloucester; Cirencester; Warminster;



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			Devizes & Trowbridge; Yeovil; East Devon; Tiverton; Barnstaple & Bideford; Llanelli.
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## Winchester



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Licence area population	76,112 adults	Size of licence area	603 km <sup>2</sup>
Reserved C-DSP capacity:	THREE services		
Local DAB service 1 (and licence area population)	South Hampshire (1,203,463)	Local DAB service 1 population overlap (and percentage)	75,327 (6.3%)
Local DAB service 2 (and licence area population)	Berkshire & North Hampshire (905,496)	Local DAB service 2 population overlap (and percentage)	590 (0.1%)
Local DAB service 3 (and licence area population)	Surrey (1,126,308)	Local DAB service 3 population overlap (and percentage)	195 (<0.1%)
Proposed frequency block	9C	Co-block small-scale DAB licence areas and/or local multiplexes	Berkshire north & south Oxfordshire; Guildford & Woking; Brighton; Reading; Bournemouth & Boscombe; Shaftesbury & Blandford Forum; Warminster; Devizes & Trowbridge; Swindon.
<a href="#">Licence area data</a> for this region		<a href="#">Population data</a> for this region	

## 3. How to apply

### Submission of application form and fees

- 3.1 Applications for any of the small-scale radio multiplex licences advertised in this document must be made using the small-scale radio multiplex licence application form. Note that the application form is divided into two parts – ‘[Part A](#)’ (which we will publish on our website), and ‘[Part B](#)’ which will remain confidential. For applicants wishing to apply – subject to the ownership restrictions – for more than one small-scale radio multiplex licence, a separate application form will be required for each application.
- 3.2 Prior to completing an application, it is *essential* that applicants should read extremely carefully the [Notes of Guidance](#) on small-scale radio multiplex licences. In addition to providing further information about the questions we ask in the application form, the Notes of Guidance provide a detailed guide to the small-scale DAB multiplex licensing regime as a whole, including matters such as the ownership restrictions, the statutory assessment criteria and how Ofcom will interpret these criteria in our assessment of applications.
- 3.3 The closing-date for the receipt of completed small-scale radio multiplex licence application forms, and other required documentation, is **5pm on Monday 23 November 2020**. Both the confidential and non-confidential parts of the application form should be sent by e-mail to: [broadcast.licensing@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:broadcast.licensing@ofcom.org.uk). The subject line of the e-mail should be clearly labelled as “[Applicant name] application for SSDAB mux licence: [licence area].” The deadline for receipt of applications will be strictly enforced, so you are advised to submit your application in plenty of time to allow for any potential delivery problems. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged via an automated e-mail from the Broadcast Licensing team.
- 3.4 An application fee of **£500** will be payable for each small-scale radio multiplex licence application submitted. This fee will not be refundable in any circumstances. Electronic bank transfer payments must be received in Ofcom’s bank account no later than five working days after the application form has been received by Ofcom. Similarly, if paying by cheque, we must receive the cheque within five days of our receipt of the application. Failure to comply with these requirements may render the application liable to disqualification. Full details of how to make the application fee payment can be found in the ‘Application fee’ section in the [Notes of Guidance](#) on small-scale radio multiplex licences.

### Assessment process

- 3.5 Ofcom will assess applications against both our general duties and the specific statutory assessment criteria (as reproduced and expanded upon in the Notes of Guidance), and based upon the proposals presented in the completed application form. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the submitted application is complete, with every question responded to (or, where appropriate, marked ‘Not applicable’) and all additional information required (such as the technical plan) provided in addition to the application form. Once received, no material amendments to the application may be made by the applicant nor any new material

introduced, without the agreement of Ofcom. Ofcom will not agree to any such amendment which it considers would be unfair to any other applicant for the licence.

- 3.6 In the course of assessing applications, Ofcom may seek clarification and/or amplification of proposals in any application and require the applicant to provide us with additional information.
- 3.7 All of the non-confidential ('Part A') sections of the application forms that we receive will be published on our website following the closing-date for applications. In assessing the applications, Ofcom may take into account any comments received from the public, which can be made to it at [smallscaleDAB@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:smallscaleDAB@ofcom.org.uk) with respect to the applications submitted.
- 3.8 Our aim is to consider all applications for the advertised small-scale radio multiplex licences within six months of submission, although this is subject to, among other things, the number of applications submitted for all of the licences we have advertised in Round One.
- 3.9 Once a licence award decision has been made and applicants have been informed, Ofcom will publish the key determining factors which led to our decision.