

Sounds Alternative

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Dear Martin,

Thanks for your letter - apologies for delay in replying. From the first Sunday in August all S/A programmes were suspended due to the fact that myself and Bob Barton decided to leave the station. The rest of S/A did want to continue but were not prepared to take over the running of the program, (Nick Rose does nearly all of the work). So I had ~~no~~ no choice to close everything down.

The main broadcast site was rather risky and known to the D.T.I. and I could not afford to gamble a large fine - so I left. A medium wave transmitter is up for sale at £30. Actually our main site was within walking distance from Bexley Grove and after almost 5 years of at least once monthly or fortnightly broadcasts (2 1/2 years from West Bromwich) we decided to call it a day.

The government have given the go ahead for 21 experimental community radio stations both low and high power - a low power FM station will be allowed in Solihull providing the Home Office have received an application by Sept 30th. London will be having 5 stations, Manchester 1, etc etc but there will not be a licence available for B'ham or the Black Country and no station will be permitted in Shropshire - I would imagine that Shropshire radio will be very annoyed.

In Summer 1986 the Government are planning to issue a Green consultation paper on Community radio - and hopefully after that date there may be plans for more stations - I hope so as there is a lot of support around here for a local station.

Best Wishes
Nick Rose