

Key Commitments**Licence number: CR000218**

Service name	Gateway 97.8
Licence area	Basildon and surrounding areas (as shown in the licensed coverage area map)
Frequency	97.8 MHz

Description of character of service

Gateway 97.8 is for the residents of Basildon and the surrounding area. It provides a service to reach and involve the communities of Basildon and East Thurrock and enhance community cohesion.

The service broadcasts:

- Music. The music broadcast over the course of each week is mainly from the 1960s to current chart music. Other genres, specialist music and local music also feature.
- Speech. The main types of speech output broadcast over the course of each week are: community news and information, national news, traffic and travel information, information on local events, interviews and discussions, and sport
- The service provides original output¹ for a minimum of 56 hours per week.
- The service provides locally-produced output² for a minimum of 13 hours per day.

The studio is located within the licensed coverage area.

The service provides a range of community benefits (social gain objectives mandated by statute) for the target community, both on-air and off-air, and in doing so, achieves the following objectives:

- the facilitation of discussion and the expression of opinion,
- the provision (whether by means of programmes included in the service or otherwise) of education or training to individuals not employed by the person providing the service, and
- the better understanding of the particular community and the strengthening of links within it.

Members of the target community contribute to the operation and management of the service.

The service has mechanisms in place to ensure it is accountable to its target community.

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¹ Original output is output that is first produced for and transmitted by the service, and excludes output that was transmitted elsewhere before. Original output can be live or voice-tracked. Repeat broadcasts of original output do not count towards the minimum requirement.

² Locally-produced output is any output made and broadcast from within the service's licensed coverage area. It may include all types of local production.