

23 March 2026

Dear Good Law Project,

Various programmes on Talk, 21 October – 27 November 2025

We are writing further to your letter dated 26 January 2026. In your letter, you requested reasons for Ofcom decisions published in the Ofcom Broadcast and On Demand Bulletins on 15 December 2025 (Issue 536) and 12 January 2026 (Issue 537). The decisions, which were recorded as “assessed, not pursued”, concerned five programmes broadcast on Talk between 21 October 2025 and 27 November 2025. Each of these programmes contained segments which you considered included “climate misinformation and bias”.

Reasoning for three “assessed, not pursued” decisions

Following receipt of your letter, we have decided to publish the reasoning for our decisions concerning the following three programmes:

The Political Asylum with Kevin O’Sullivan, 21 October 2025 at 19:00

Ian Collins, 7 November 2025 at 13:00

Morning Glory with Mark Dolan, 27 November 2025: at 06:00

Following receipt of the original complaints, we carried out initial assessments in accordance with Ofcom’s Procedures for investigating breaches of content standards for television and radio (“the Procedures”). Ofcom’s decision, in relation to these three programmes was that they did not raise potentially substantive issues warranting investigation under the Code:

As these assessments raised novel issues about the application of Section Five to long-form discussion programmes and concerned matters of public interest, we considered it would be helpful to set out our reasoning in relation to our previously published “assessed, not pursued” decisions concerning these three programmes.

We have today published our reasoning for our decisions in relation to the above three programmes, in our Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin.

Launch of investigations under the Code – *Ian Collins*, 17 November 2025 at 13:00; *Drivetime with Alex Phillips*, 27 November 2025 at 16:00

In relation to the two other programmes that you brought to our attention (*Drivetime with Alex Phillips*, 27 November 2025 and *Ian Collins*, 17 November 2025), we have identified certain aspects which we consider would benefit from further deliberation. We considered that Ofcom’s approach to the application of Section Five in this programme required reconsideration. We also considered that the applicable principles required further deliberation and articulation to ensure that the approach applied to these two programmes was principled, correct and consistent.

For these reasons, Ofcom has decided, exceptionally, that it is necessary to withdraw the original “assessed, not pursued” decisions for these two programmes and to consider afresh whether the

complaints into each programme raise potentially substantive issues under the Code which warrant investigation by Ofcom.

We have therefore carried out new assessments into both programmes in accordance with the Procedures. After careful assessment, I, as a senior member of Ofcom's executive with appropriate Board delegated authority who was not previously involved in this case, have decided that both programmes did raise potentially substantive issues warranting investigation under the Code.

We have therefore launched investigations into these programmes, which we have announced in today's Bulletin.

We will publish our decisions, with reasoning, in these cases in due course and will inform you when the decision is published in the Bulletin.

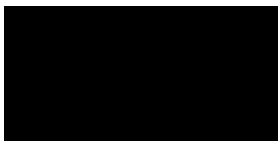
We have today sent a copy of our correspondence with you to talkSPORT Limited which holds the Ofcom licence for the Talk service, for its information¹.

On a separate matter, we also note that the [Good Law Project's](#) campaign page for Stop Funding Heat invited supporters to submit their details, which were then individually forwarded by email to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk, with more than 15,000 emails received to date.

The emails received by Ofcom raised policy matters rather than requests for information, and impacted Ofcom's handling of requests for information to that account. We consider these expressions of support would have been more appropriately sent to Ofcom in the manner previously provided to Ofcom in relation to GLP campaigns as a spreadsheet.

Ultimately, for issues related to specific programmes, complaints from individuals would be best submitted via our [complaints portal](#) in line with our [published complaints procedures](#) to ensure they reach the correct team appropriately and as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,



¹ The licence for Talk was transferred from News UK Broadcasting Limited to talkSPORT Limited on 13 February 2026.