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Mr

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Organisation

**Organisation (if applicable):**

Radio Hafren Ltd

**What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:**

No

**If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:**

**Ofcom may publish a response summary:**

Yes

**I confirm that I have read the declaration:**

Yes

**Additional comments:**

**Question 1: Do you agree that we have identified the objectives which the small scale DAB multiplex trial should seek to achieve?:**

It is our position that the published objectives of this trial are an appropriate test for both the technical and non technical aspects of DAB transmission arrangements for smaller operators.

**Question 2: Are there any other questions or issues which the small scale DAB multiplex trial should seek to address?:**

One concern is that if these arrangements were to be formally licensed for production services, the incumbent multiplex operators may seek to undermine the operators of small multiplexes in order to protect their own interests.

**Question 3: Do you agree with our proposed technical licence conditions?:**

The proposed technical conditions generally appear to be consistent with operating an efficient trial and protecting other spectrum holders interests.

Although we understand that keeping DAB+ out of the equation will simplify the trial, perhaps it might be worth simulcasting both DAB and DAB+ within the same multiplex allowing this technical trial to potentially answer two significant questions regarding the future of digital radio within the UK.

This would potentially save a further DAB+ trial from having to be conducted in the future, and therefore provide a better overall cost benefit for the trial.

**Question 4: Do you agree with our approach to non-technical licence conditions and requirements?:**

We believe that the non technical requirements of this trial are both robust and will prove that the Small Scale DAB proposals will work on a non technical basis. It will test the ability of smaller organisations to work together for mutual benefit. Its likely that different groups will take a differing approach to organisation the operation of the multiplex, be it CIC company to operate the multiplex or memorandum of understandings between existing broadcasters.

**Question 5: Do you agree with our proposed approach to awarding trial licences?:**

We believe that the proposed approach to awarding the trial licences is appropriate for the purposes of the trial, and that it allows for the trials to be conducted efficiently.

**Question 6: Do you agree with our proposals set out in this section in relation to final reporting obligations, the recovery of the equipment and the extension of trial licence duration?:**