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Dear Sir Or Madam

I wish to complain about many aspects of Ofcoms recent publication of their views of the BBC.

I am getting progressively more annoyed and disappointed about your recommendations, particularly in respect of content on BBC national radio.

It strikes me that the assessment of suitable content has been made by a group of individuals at Ofcom who do not have a wide enough depth of knowledge of what is actually wanted by licence payers. Please forward me the profiles of all those individuals that have been involved in the process so I can assess if they are a representative group to make these kinds of decisions.

You are proposing to mix the identities of channels more which means I can't then focus on listening to what I want to rather than what you think I should. This is obviously completely wrong on your part.

At present Radio 1 is the youth station, Radio 2 easy listening with a focus on music and comedy and a wide range of musical content, Radio 3 classical, with the smallest listener numbers, Radio 4 News, current affairs and spoken word, Radio 5 sport, Radio 6 alternative music.

You propose adding more news to Radio 2 at peak times, I think I should have the choice as to when I listen to news by switching channel, not because you decide I should.

My question is whether Ofcom are offering good value to the tax payer and licence fee payer in respect of their assessment of what the general public actually want. If you refer me to commercial radio as an alternative this is totally unacceptable, why should I have to listen to annoying advertising so that you can spend my compulsory licence fee money on content that you want rather than me and many people I speak to?

I have emailed you directly before posting these opinions on social media as I want to give you a fair opportunity to respond first.

I look forward to you response and do hope you don't make the mistake of just sending a standard holding comment.

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