

Question	Your response
<p>Question 1: Do you agree with our proposed changes to the ACI/blocking procedures?</p>	<p>We welcome the introduction of the proposed streamlined process.</p> <p>We feel it is a prudent decision to impose explicit timescales for third-parties to respond (and default outcomes for those third-parties who fail to respond within the timeframe). We would politely suggest that timeframes are also put in place for those tasks involving Ofcom.</p> <p>We do feel that checks need to be in place to ensure that any operator response is based entirely on grounded technical reasoning.</p> <p>It is unclear if any multiplex operator involved in the process will be permitted to charge for their time and resources? We strongly suggest that any involvement must be free of charge.</p> <p>We firmly support the ability to run short term tests. With the submission of appropriate technical survey data, could this be extended to allow self-certification of certain (lower power in-fill?) installations?</p> <p>Overall, we're optimistic that the process will work well, assuming everyone operates in the spirit of the pragmatic, realistic approach outlined. Our concern is that, without appropriate checks and controls, it could be easy to intentionally tie up limited resources, causing significant delays in the process.</p>
<p>Question 2: Do you have any comments on the adoption of the new ETSI mask characteristic and on the potential use of the non-critical spectrum mask?</p>	<p>We support the relaxation of spectral mask requirements for suitable installations.</p>
<p>Question 3: Do you agree with our proposed changes on DAB+ audio encoding?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>However, we would like to see the same level of flexibility in protection levels for DAB+ as those afforded to DAB based services.</p>
<p>Question 4: Do you agree with our other</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

proposed revisions to the Digital Radio Technical Code outlined in Section 6 of this document? Do you have any views on alternative models for dealing with the administration of Sid and TII codes?

Sid Codes. We feel Ofcom is best placed to administer Sid codes.

Polarisation. We would support the option to introduce an additional horizontally polarised component. This could prove beneficial in certain environments.

DAB+ coding. We would like to see the option to use other variants of the AAC codec, which may prove more suitable than HE-AACv2 in certain applications.

Question 5: Do you agree with our other proposed revisions to the Technical Policy Guidance for DAB Multiplex Licensees document outlined in Section 7 of this document?

Yes.