

Your response

Question 1: Respondents are invited to comment on whether they agree with Ofcom's preliminary view and to frame their views and responses with reference to, or in the context of, the statutory criteria in section 106(1A) of the Broadcast Act 1990 (as amended).

I do not agree. I can not see how changing format from a rock music station to a hip hop/RnB station is in the interests of current listeners. The two music styles are completely contrasting.

XS Manchester has operated as rock music station since it was first launched, and has built up a loyal and dedicated fan base. Currently 28,000 people follow the station on twitter.

Although I'm not from Manchester it is a station that I have listened to many times whilst in the area. I will be saddened to see the station close.

Capital Xtra is already available on DAB+ across the XS Manchester area. As XS Manchester is to close entirely, there will be a reduction in the number of stations available in the area.

XS Manchester is rare in that the station values the local area in which it serves, and is one of an ever declining number of true local radio stations.

Whilst I'm aware that Capital Xtra would be required to produce 3 hours of locally produced programming each weekday, the service would mainly be a national service. I highly doubt the locally produced hours will contain much in the way of local stories, instead focusing on national stories.