

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 am very disappointed to hear the news that XS Manchester is to be converted into yet another pop / dance related channel. DAB radio is full of these channels, including Capital, Kiss, Kisstory, Hits Radio, Haert Dance, BBC Radio 1, BBC Radio 1 Extra to name a few. Where is the diversity? XS Manchester provides a launchpad for up and coming new rock bands - nowhere is doing that. Manchester is famed for it's music, but you want to close down one of the homes for this talent to be showcased, replaced by a jukebox on repeat with only 3 hours of presenters.

Also, XS Manchester showcases the history of Manchester music and the people of Manchester better than any other radio station. The podcast series Humans Of XS Manchester is an incredible piece of work, a study of art, a history of Manchester and the north west. You want to sacrifice this for another automated dance playlist on repeat from a central server somewhere? What does that add to the community.

For the sake of diversity, history and a platform for new talent to shine, please do not grant this change.

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