

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 wholly disagree with Ofcom's preliminary view that the departure of XS Manchester would not substantially alter the character of the service within the Manchester area. Manchester is a city within a region, Greater Manchester, which covers 10 wonderful towns and cities and XS Manchester is available in all these areas.

Manchester was made famous for, and remains famous for the exact genre of music played on XS Manchester. The Stone Roses, Oasis, Courteeners, Slow Readers Club, Blossoms, Inspiral Carpets to name but a few. It is also vital for providing a platform for smaller up and coming artists from not only Manchester but the North West.

Alongside these classics, both old and new, the presenters are home grown and local, understanding and representative of Greater Manchester; its views, traditions, history, and humour.

There would not be a radio station available on FM to the whole of Greater Manchester that would offer the same balance of locally driven and produced content alongside indie/rock music. Radio X is based in London and does not represent anyone from the area. The other alternative station stated within your report is The Revolution which is Oldham based, which is part of Manchester, but not Greater Manchester.

The other stations listed all offer popular based music, which is covered by national radio stations across the country. The report mentions Heart which recently removed local presenters and replaced them with London celebrities.

People want to hear local news, travel and voices and indie music - the removal of XS Manchester will substantially narrow the range (to ZERO) of programmes available to listeners.

I urge you to rescind your decision and help support LOCAL radio for LOCAL people and LOCAL bands.