

## 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).**

In the very strongest terms, I disagree with this decision. I am a fairly recent convert to XS Manchester as a station on a more regular basis, but had been aware of its legendary status among like-minded music fans for some time. It provides a stunning playlist of back to back indie classics mixed with incredible fresh new music by young bands, such as the immensely talented local band Narrow Margin. This is something which few more established radio stations really do these days with the exception of BBC 6Music and possibly XFM. Manchester is the spiritual home of so many of the iconic post-punk/indie bands of the past forty years at least, including Buzzcocks, Joy Division/New Order, The Smiths, The Fall, The Charlatans, The Stone Roses, Happy Mondays, Oasis and more recently the Courteeners among many others. From my experience of using social media platforms such as Twitter and Instagram, there is a really exciting explosion of fresh new Mancunian young bands trying to break through with some really impressive tunes. Surely this sort of thing deserves to be championed by a radio station from the same area, which does not have to be watered down or have restrictions imposed upon it like many others I could name. Surely there is room for this kind of station for so many real music fans from Manchester (and beyond... I live in Newcastle). Don't be attracted by the proposed changes, just because it seems like this is where you will draw casual listeners of banal pop music. There are so many other stations that play the same sort of formulaic tunes. Listen to the passionate music fans who are petitioning to save an iconic station from extinction. Save the Manchester music heritage! Support the youth of today... in my experience they are really passionate about being creative with musical ideas and expression of issues that affect their generation and others. Give them a platform to be heard.