

## 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 writing in objection to the format change of Radio XS to Capital Xtra. Capital Xtra is already available in the Manchester area on the National DAB multiplex Digital One so therefore this would reduce the choice available in the Manchester area by duplicating the same station if Radio XS became Capital Xtra. An alternative would be to switch Radio XS to one of Communicorp's existing brands which is Radio UP which currently broadcasts on DAB in Northamptonshire and Peterborough. If this station was added to Manchester it would increase its coverage and therefore increase options in Manchester rather than duplicate an existing station that is already available.

While I acknowledge that the Manchester version will offer 3 hours of different output to the existing London / UK version on weekdays I feel that this does not justify switching Radio XS to Capital Xtra and therefore I recommend that Ofcom either reject this request or ask Communicorp to come back with an alternative format change which is more suitable.