

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 have recently heard the news of a consultation to change XS Manchester from its existing and very popular format to an Afro-Caribbean format. This absolutely cannot take place. Manchester has a long and rich musical history with such legendary bands as the Smiths, Joy Division, New Order, Elbow, Happy Mondays, Badly Drawn Boy, etc. The music XS Manchester plays corresponds to this rich history and as such has a huge following amongst Mancunians and indeed further afield. If you change the format to Afro Caribbean you will not only be depriving the city of a much loved and much needed radio station (and I might add extremely popular DJs such as Manchester legend Clint Boon) but you will jettison listeners and in effect hurt business as NO ONE is going to listen to an Afro Caribbean station in lieu of a popular Indie rock one! There is just not the market! PLEASE DO NOT GO THROUGH WITH THIS PROPOSAL. I am sure that upon reflection you will also agree that it is an unwise decision; culturally, commercially and financially.