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Mr

Forename:

Chris

Surname:

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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

i am someone who loves listening to local radio. i am a big fan of festival voice fm 107.1fm. there isn't much local radio in north devon. i feel that DAB is going to ruin local radio. Removing local radio and bringing in DAB is unfair. Local radio brings the community together, and something the locals can relate to. For example, local news, local events, local music.

Question 1: Do you think that allowing Now Digital to extend the coverage area of its Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex licence to include North

Devon would unacceptably narrow the range of DAB programme services available in the Exeter and Torbay area? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

Everything would narrow. if you remove local north devon fm radio and replace it with dab, then there isn't going to be as much variety. Plus nothing local for the communities.

Question 2: Do you think that allowing Now Digital to extend the coverage area of its Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex licence to include North Devon would be calculated to maintain or promote the development of digital sound broadcasting in the UK otherwise than by satellite? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

not everyone has DAB. not everyone is interested in it. its a frequency. im interested in the music, and the entertainment. Most people driving in there cars dont have DAB. they have FM. I want tourists to be able to come to our area of north devon, and be able to here local radio, and get a flavour of the local scene. With FM frequency, the further you get away from the transmitter, the quieter the sound gets, but you can still here the station. But if your in an area of DAB broadcasting, the further you get away from the transmitter, the sound just cuts out. i really think you are making a mistake.

Question 3: Do you think that Now Digital's proposals for providing coverage of North Devon are satisfactory? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

as i have stated in my previous answers, i really dont think the proposals are fair. There are alot of people who enjoy local radio. alot of people make comments that there arent enough local radio for north devon. I feel you should give north devon the opportunity to keep the voice fm running.

Question 4: Do you consider that Now Digital has the ability to maintain its local radio multiplex service if its request is granted? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

Please keep local FM radio

Question 5: (For programme service providers on the Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex only) Do you consider that there are sufficient safeguards in place to protect your rights and interests in the event that Now Digital is permitted to extend coverage to include North Devon?:

i dont think anyone really thinks what we want. ofcom arent based in devon. They have no idea. If there lived in this part of the country, they might understand that we should keep FM local. We dont want radio from another area. We already have heart radio1 and bbc. Lets have something of our own.

Question 6: Do you consider that there any other grounds on which Ofcom should approve, or not approve, the request from Now Digital? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

we want the opportunity to keep local radio in our area. something for barntaple/ bideford croyde/ illfracombe. if you travel round the country, you can always here local radio. so why should that be taken from us.