



**DEVON & CORNWALL
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Dear Andrea

I write in my capacity as Superintendent of North & West Devon Local Policing area to express my deep concern over Ofcom's current plans to deny North Devon a local radio station.

Local radio is vital to the community of North Devon. It is not only an information source but is invaluable to local businesses, charities, schools and other organisations in so many ways.

Since the closure of the locally run 'Heart' Barnstaple radio station it has been felt that there is a real lack of local knowledge from the regionally based station. For example, during spells of bad weather, a local radio station can provide details of those schools affected and any closures, the impact on roads and transport services, and areas which have been more severely affected. It provides the public with news articles specifically affecting their area and brings communities together.

I would therefore ask that matter is given further serious consideration before any final decisions are made. I know that the majority, if not all of my Officers and staff share my views and would not wish to see local radio become a thing of the past.

Yours sincerely

Superintendent Kevin Harris
Local Policing Area Commander, North & West Devon



Cover sheet for response to an Ofcom consultation

BASIC DETAILS

Consultation title:

To (Ofcom contact):

Name of respondent: *Subintendant K.A. HARRIS. LPA COMMANDER.*

Representing (self or organisation/s): *DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY*

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Name *KEVIN A. HARRIS*
SUBINTENDANT.

Signed (if hard copy)

