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Mrs

Forename:

Elaine

Surname:

Fanner

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:

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.:

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.:

no

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.:

Most unsatisfactory. The current local Fm transmitters in N Devon will ultimately be switched off for good and potentially as early as 2015. If that happens all our FM radios at home and in our cars will become obsolete and we will have to replace them with DAB radios. The proposed coverage map submitted with the applications shows that most of the north coast of N Devon will not receive any digital signal whatsoever - meaning no BBC Radio Devon which I love or local radio! This is a disgusting state of affairs.

N Devon and Torridge will be denied the opportunity to re-establish a local FM radio service in the future because the present local FM licence would not be re-advertised.

We want a local FM service for the area and do not want the S Devon Digital multiplex extended to N Devon.

We want BBC Radio Devon without having to change the radios in our cars and homes!

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.:

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?:

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.:

It should not approve it - we should not be forced into buying new radios for our homes and in our cars to listen to BBC Radio Devon just because of their greed.