

Dear Andrea

I for one would not want DAB digital radio here in North Devon. For one it would mean I along with loads of other North Devonians wouldn't get to hear a radio. I don't have a DAB radio and I don't want one. Also it would mean our local radio station Heart (Yeah local don't make me laugh!!) Would be in North Devon for at least another 7 years. So with Heart at the wheel we loose our localness. How can something broadcast from 50+ miles away be classed as local its even further away at night. If I'd have wanted to listen to a national station I'd listen to Radio 2. I however like local radio, I like the way the broadcasters know how to pronounce the place names and understand local things I love the way its easier to get hold of the local station if you spot a traffic problem, or to get involved in competitions. I love the way new up and coming local bands can get their foot on the fame ladder. In the past I personally have found local radio a God send with the school closures.

Anyway back to the digital radio problem - Here in North Devon we will get 70% DAB coverage meaning 30% will get nothing Zilch.

When we went from normal TV to digital everyone thought it would be better but I can say its not. The didgy box is always messing around and for me every time a bus goes past- about every 10 minutes- the signal freezes. I do not want to put up with that happening on our radio too!!

Why is it that people who don't know and love North Devon get to make decisions about what they think is best for us??

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