

**Title:**

Mr

**Forename:**

Anthony

**Surname:**

James

**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.:**

No.

**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.:**

No I don't think the proposals for providing coverage of North Devon are satisfactory. Looking at the plans, when FM is turned off it is very likely that we will not get a good DAB signal.

**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.:**

No.

**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?:**

No.

**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.:**

I feel that it shouldn't be approved as this will give Heart the automatic right to carry on broadcasting in North Devon promising that they will provide a digital signal at some point in the future. Heart is no longer local and relevant to us here in North Devon. Exeter is 60 miles away and Plymouth a little bit further, we need to know what is going on actually in the North Devon area. Approximately only 7 hours comes from the whole of Devon. A local radio station should be local. We want the FM licence re-advertised to bring a chance of getting local radio back again. A local radio in North Devon for North Devon.