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Forename:

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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

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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.:

i feel that the area covered is too large to make its content relevant to all listeners.

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.:

i fee that exeter and torbay do not covers the inyerests and information that people in north devon wish to be informed of. traffic, events local business and local ,to us, goings on generally.

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.:

the basis proposed is digital, which the majority of people do not have or are unlikely to switch to except on an internet basis. to base the coverage of north devon on this point excludes a large majority of north devon.

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.:

i feel that a large concern like now digital is unlikely to be concerned on a "local" level to the degree that a locally staffed and created content provider does.

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.:

i moved to north devon and listened to first lantern fm then heart, and now the various versions of real barnstable based fm staions. i have seen heart go from a genuinely local station to a mix and match of celebritys, distance based, ie exeter, content and impersonal corporation blandness. keep our local fm station viable, real, and relevant if you want to genuinely keep radio alive and not swallowed up by faceless accountants.