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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep part of the response confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Do not disclose my email address thank you.

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:

Yes

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 because they are not interested in North Devon as a whole. They are only interested in the advertising revenue it may bring in and to keep local radio out.

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?:

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.:

No it shouldn't be approved as this will mean that Heart get an automatic right to carry on broadcasting in North Devon "on a promise" that they will provide a digital signal at some point the future. Heart is not local and relevant to us here in North Devon. Exeter is 50 miles away and Plymouth is 85 miles. Their news and views are not appropriate to North Devon e.g. the traffic situation on the Tamar Bridge has no relevance to the A361 in North Devon being blocked by an accident but is not reported to local drivers by the "local" radio! The fact that only 7 hours of local material comes from the whole of Devon we want the FM licence to be re-advertised to bring a chance of Local Radio back again so it will have the chance for local radio to be brought back to North Devon. Lantern FM provided an excellent service before Heart bought them out; since Heart FM took over the service is almost non-existent and I rarely listen to Heart now.