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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:**

I was one of the original presenter at Lanternfm in 1992 and since then it has been a hub of entertainment and news etc as a LOCAL station for all of North Devon.

Since Heart decided to pull the plug and move to Exeter' North Devon is now a part of a Countywide station and not very local!!

Heart Devon broadcasts with a Local Radio Licenc from a city 40+ miles from them.this is certainly not local and they are a regional using a local licence for their own gain.

The sane has happened in Somerset where Bristol is 70 miles away from Taunton. Muxco

won the DAB licence but have failed to get a service started this could happen to North Devon.

It is about time that Ofcom acted on what the North Devon wants and not what Global says it has to have. Keep local radio away from DAB and honour what the people want....a local station based in North Devon for North Devon without them getting news, ads etc for Exeter, Torbay and Plymouth. If Plymouthfm can run alongside Heart what's the problem? Keep North Devon DAB free and allow the local licence to be run by a locally based station not 40 miles away.

**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.:**

This question is nothing to do with North Devon.

Who cares about what is broadcast on DAB in Mid and South Devon plus who'd want to listen to Exeter or Torbay based stations rebroadcast to North Devon.

**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. who on earth would want to listen to stations that serve other parts of Devon and further more alienate North Devon even further. It will not promote DAB at all and will not maintain or promote a media that a lot of people can't even use!!!!.

**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 have a grave feeling that Now Digital has been railroaded into this by Global radio so they retain the local licence even though they are a regional station. It's all too strange for the plug to be pulled on the re-advertising of the North Devon Local FM Licence. The fact is North Devon wants its own FM station and not a glorified Exeter operation.

**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, simple as that because they even want to put a Transmitter in Okehampton which is nowhere near North Devon!!!!!! They can't supply a Local Station in North Devon for North Devon other than that they will want thousands of pounds for a local group to apply and be on DAB..FM is not dead so keep using it.

**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.:**

Ofcom should not approve this use of DAB into .North Devon with stations that will not give the local people a means of being in touch with what goes on in North Devon. I personally feel that somebody, somewhere doesn't want North Devon to have it's own station again so that Global Radio can keep broadcasting from Exeter with a local radio licence.. North Devon wants it's own Voice not from a city a long way away but from studios already in Barnstaple.