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To: Andrea Jackson
Subject: Local radio in North Devon

I write to you in connection with local/digital radio here in North Devon.

We had local radio here in North Devon many years ago when Lantern Radio commenced broadcasting. This was very popular and featured local people and local issues. It proved invaluable to the local community as it broadcast local information in real time.

Unfortunately, the take over by Heart only continued keeping radio local for a short time, before moving their operations for broadcasting to Exeter and London. This is not local radio which the community deserve and desire. Local people need and want to hear local issues and be kept up to date with what is happening in their area as they like to be/get involved. By refusing to listen to local needs, people feel isolated and neglected and not part of their community.

By saying that Digital radio is the next step, is only going to further alienate people, as I believe this will be broadcast from South Devon and be very expensive in its infancy.

Surely, we should have a say and our comments be listened to, especially when there are groups willing and able to provide what the community is asking for.

I trust our wishes will be given serious consideration.

Yours truly
Chris Robbins