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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?:

Email address

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 do not agree to the proposal for digital radio expansion to the North Devon area, as Radio Devon would then be lost for good, and this would be an unacceptable loss to the area, by many people. If this were to happen, I understand that Ilfracombe would receive no signal whatsoever when the FM transmitters are switched off. Reception in Ilfracombe is bad enough at the best of times, and this would be completely unacceptable. There would never be a true comprehensive local radio service broadcasting from studios in the area specifically

to North Devon, and able to be received by people in Ilfracombe, the largest seaside town on the north coast. I therefore request that the licence to broadcast on FM to be re-advertised, so that our area can regain a proper local service for now and for many years to come.

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.:

Should not be allowed to be extended, as Ilfracombe would have no signal whatsoever once FM was turned off, so how it would narrow the range of DAB to Exeter and Torbay area would have no concern to North Devon and especially Ilfracombe

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.:

Stop worrying about other areas of the UK and start thinking on the effect that it will have on North Devon and Ilfracombe !!!

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.:

In no way at all is it satisfactory, as the coverage to Ilfracombe will be non-existent, and the most popular station of Radio Devon will be lost !! What is satisfactory about that ?

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.:

it has not the ability to maintain local radio until we can be assured that Ilfracombe will be able to have and receive good quality Radio Devon !!

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 as they do not seem to be able to guarantee good reception in Ilfracombe, and many other locations in North Devon.

Question 6: Do you consider that there are 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 certainly NOT approve, as the North Devon coverage will be woefully inadequate or even non-existent for many areas of this part of the county.