

Title:

Mrs

Forename:

Karen

Surname:

Smith

Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

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:

North Devon needs a proper local station not one that's over 50 miles away. We need information that's relevant to us not exeter and beyond with presenters who know where they are talking about.

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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.:

It wouldn't affect it as its a company with money

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 think it would mean many people who can't get a signal for dab would miss out on the choice of stations as fm stations would be lost.

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.:

They are not satisfactory . We would not have the freedom of choice with what we listened to. There are many people in this area who don't have access to internet or dab radio and who rely on the radio for information.

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.:

Yes although how it can be considered local when its over 50 miles away I don't know.

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.:

We need a proper local station with news and information that's relevant to us and presented by people who know where they are talking about. Why should we not have one just because we are a small area in the grand scheme of things?