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Mr

Forename:

Richard

Surname:

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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:

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.:

We live in an area of North Devon where the current radio coverage is not brilliant at the best of times, To reduce the range available to me would in my view be an unacceptable step backward.

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 have no problem with the extension of coverage from Exeter and Torbay PROVIDED that the coverage in North Devon remains at least as good, and preferably better, than currently.

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.:

I am concerned that the proposals will mean that there will be no coverage of North Devon as a local radio output. I have no interest in what is going on in Exeter and Torbay!

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.:

I cannot answer this question as I do not have sufficient technical knowledge - however I think the maintenance of the local radio multiplex should be a condition of granting the request.

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?:

n/a

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.:

I feel that this request from Now Digital is likely to reduce the radio coverage to North Devon, the only benefit going to Now Digital which has expanded its empire. I would like to see more local FM broadcasts, and to that end would like the licence to broadcast to be re-advertised so that our area can regain a proper local service.