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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:

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.:

Once again the authorities are meddling with something that works well and satisfies the North Devon communities. The Now Digital service cannot better what we already have or

had on FM.

The government are supposed to promoting a less wasteful society yet they are now trying to force every household to throw out 5 or more perfectly serviceable FM radios [plus our car radios] for a retrograde digital service.

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.:

How can it not promote the digital service which does not work as well as the FM we currently have. The powers that be seem to ignore the very steep valleys in North Devon the cut the strength of the digital signal.

We are still experiencing problems with the TV signal breaking up and receiving Welsh instead of English programmes. The digital TV service is NOT an improvement and the old analogue, so I suspect the same will apply to the radio.

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.:

How is what they promise going to be regulated and what, if they decide in the future it is longer viable.

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.:

How can anyone but the company concerned know this.

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.:

As stated above the FM service works well, why try and fix something which ain't broke!