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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

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**Additional comments:**

**Question 1: Do you agree that copy management would broaden the range of HD content available on DTT and help secure its long term viability as a platform? :**

No, I believe that copy management could eventually limit the range of HD content available on DTT. Services such as YouTube and other video sharing sites have convincingly demonstrated that including the audience as a partner can produce unexpectedly huge

amounts of creativity. Excluding significant chunks of that audience simply cannot be beneficial.

**Question 2: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed multiplex licence amendment represents the most appropriate means for securing an effective content management system on HD DTT? :**

No, I do not believe that any mere licence amendment, including the current proposed multiplex licence amendment, can represent an appropriate means for effective content management. One of the hallmarks of the BBC's operation since its inception almost 100 years ago has been its openness. This has made it one of the most respected and loved broadcasters worldwide.

**Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed change to Condition 6 in the Multiplex B Licence? :**

I do not agree at all. EPG data is vital for "free to view" services. Restricting or withholding access to it is hypocritical and disappointing.

**Question 4: Do you agree that Multiplexes C and D should be granted a similar amendment to their Licences as Multiplex B?. :**

**Question 5: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed approach for implementing content management would safeguard citizens and consumers legitimate use of HD content, and if not, what additional guarantees would be appropriate? :**

No, I believe it would in fact endanger many legitimate uses of HD content. It would for example explicitly stop citizens consuming BBC content using open-source technologies - technologies that are completely legal, encouraged by various government agencies and extremely empowering to the less well-off, students, educational institutions and so on. It would stop British citizens from making technology choices based on price, instead forcing them to pay the unnecessary price charged by firms who have had to pay a fee to strike a secret agreement with the BBC for an unnecessary technology. Any British citizen who, having paid their licence fee, enjoys the excellent range of BBC content, will have to throw away their perfectly functioning current equipment in order to continue doing so.

Any proposition needs to guarantee that it will interoperate with open source technology and not rely on technologically flawed secret agreements, which will not stop illegal usage for long, but will only get in the way of people wishing to consume BBC content in a legitimate fashion.

**Question 6: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed choice of content management technologies will have only a negligible impact on the cost of HD DTT receivers and their interoperability with other HD consumer equipment?**

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No, I do not agree. Forcing consumers to change to new electronic equipment is always going to involve a significant cost. Doing so in order to put in place equipment which is incompatible with the old equipment simply for the sake of being incompatible is ridiculous.

**Question 7: Do stakeholders agree that the BBC's proposed Huffman Code licensing arrangements would have a negligible effect on the market for HD DTT receivers? :**

**Question 8: Do the BBC's proposed content management states and their permitted use for different categories of HD content meet the requirements of other HD broadcasters on DTT? . :**

**Question 9: Are there any issues that you consider Ofcom should take into account in assessing the BBC's proposal, that have not been addressed by this consultation?:**