

**Title:**

**Forename:**

**Surname:**

**Representing:**

Organisation

**Organisation (if applicable):**

Active Community Group

**Additional comments:**

**Question 1:Do you think that allowing Now Digital to extend the coverage area of its Cardiff & Newport local radio multiplex licence to include the Heads of the South Wales Valleys area would unacceptably narrow the range of DAB programme services available in the Cardiff and Newport area? Please explain the reasons for your view.:**

No, this would not narrow the range as the South Wales valley / Newport & Cardiff have very few radio stations that represent the locality. This would encourage smaller niche radio stations to flourish.

**Question 2:Do you think that allowing Now Digital to extend the coverage area of its Cardiff & Newport local radio multiplex licence to include the Heads of the South Wales Valleys area 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.:**

More people now have DAB in their cars / homes, this gives better access to information than satellite broadcasting which relies on different equipment.

**Question 3:Do you think that Now Digital's proposals for providing coverage of the Heads of the South Wales Valleys area are satisfactory? Please explain the reasons for your view.:**

The Heads of the Valleys do not have a great coverage on DAB apart from the BBC stations this may make DAB in the area a viable alternative to FM

**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.:**

From what I have seen of Now Digital's proposals I have confidence in their service.

**Question 5:(For relevant programme service providers and local radio multiplex operators 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 the Heads of the South Wales Valleys area, and change the frequency of its multiplex service?:**

**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.:**