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Mr

**Forename:**

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**Representing:**

Self

**Organisation (if applicable):**

South West Chambers of Commerce

**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:**

Yes

**Additional comments:**

N/A

**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.:**

No Comment

**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 am writing to support the Now Digital Ltd's application to expand the coverage area of the Exeter and Torbay local DAB multiplex into North Devon.

This move will make it possible for local radio stations to be able to broadcast in digital in North Devon as well as the national stations which are currently available, enabling listeners in the area to enjoy the full benefits of digital radio.

It will also provide a more secure basis for local radio stations broadcasting in the area, with benefits for local businesses.

**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.:**

No Comment

**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.:**

No Comment

**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?:**

No Comment

**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.:**

No Comment