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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

Keep name 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

Additional comments:

I am just speaking as a radio hobbyist and enthusiast. I have also a good background in VHF radio propagation and problems with interference

Question 1: Do you think that allowing MuxCo to change the frequency of the Somerset local radio multiplex licence would unacceptably narrow the range of DAB programme services which will be available in the Somerset area? Please explain the reasons for your view..:

The change to block 10B may clash with the local Oxford multiplex which also uses 10B. During certain weather conditions I am only to aware of the extended reach of the VHF FM

signals from BBC R Oxford on 95.20Mhz. In these conditions I can receive it hiss Free, with stereo and RDS on a portable radio with its built in telescopic rod aerial. VHF band 3 frequencies can suffer these weather lift enhancements EVEN more so than FM band 2.

Question 2: Do you consider that there any other grounds on which Ofcom should approve, or not approve, the request from MuxCo? Please explain the reasons for your view.:

Block 10D is totally clear in this are at the moment wheras 10B is allocated to the local Oxford DAB multiplex. As VHF signals from both the Mendip and Oxford TV masts have a large coverage area which at times can overlap I would have thought it would have been best to leave the Somerset multiplex on block 10D