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Dear Sir

**Response to consultation: Content management on the HD Freeview platform**

As part of its services to its researchers, the British Library currently records selected television broadcasts in Standard Definition (SD) format but will wish to do so in High Definition especially if content that is currently solely broadcast in SD is broadcast in HD.

The Library seeks confirmation that the inclusion of content management technology in receivers for High Definition Television (HDTV) services on the Freeview Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) platform will not prevent the Library from recording in High Definition format in future, and further that any special measures to enable it to do so will incur little or no additional costs.

We also seek assurance that the content management technology will not prevent the Library from making copies for preservation reasons (where permitted under current or new legislation) of HD broadcasts.

Finally, in reference to 2.2.10 of the consultation document, no mention is made of the exception under section 75 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 that allows certain designated bodies including the British Library to record broadcasts for archiving purposes. We seek assurance that such an exception is honoured by the new technology.

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