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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

**Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:**

You may publish my response on receipt

**Additional comments:**

**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.:**

It will narrow the range of programme services available in North Devon, that is all I am concerned about!

**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 think that North Devon will get more and more overlooked if there is only one licence holder and that they will forget about us

**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.:**

They are not satisfactory as they do not include enough news about North Devon. We do not get enough traffic news, local weather, local events etc. When Heart took the breakfast and afternoon programmes away from Barnstaple it took the local radio away from North Devon. The service provided on the internet by The Voice, is the radio that we want in North Devon and they need an FM licence!

**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.:**

They will not maintain good service in North Devon as they do not care about anything past Exeter, its like we dont exist down here

**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?:**

**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.:**

The licence should not be approved as with Heart taking over a lot of radio stations all over the country, nothing is local any more. In North Devon, the only traffic news we ever get is "the link road is busy". All the other traffic news refers to Torquay, Exeter and Plymouth. There is simply not enough about North Devon going on!