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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

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Yes

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Yes

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Additional comments:

My study of the map of UK DAB transmitter coverage available on UKTV FREE suggests that, with the possible exception of Boston in Lincolnshire, Yeovil and other towns in South Somerset and nearby Sherborne in Dorset are probably the only sizeable centres of population in England currently without usable DAB coverage. Nearby smaller towns such as Tiverton (pop 19k) and Bridport (13k) have their own

transmitters unlike Yeovil (38k), Chard (11k) Sherborne (10k) and Crewkerne (7k) , In this area, DAB stations are only receivable on high ground - and most people live in the valleys.

It is more than a decade since DAB was launched and we were all urged to buy new radios. Isn't it time this area received attention? The Coker Hill transmitter suggested in the recent Arqiva study would improve Yeovil and Crewkerne, but we really need as well are the others proposed at 'High Winds' and Chard.

Question 1: Do you agree with our approach of matching DAB to FM within defined editorial areas? We will seek comments on specific editorial boundaries via separate consultations if and when specific changes are proposed.:

It ought to make sense, but there are significant areas of the UK which have never had very good FM reception - South Somerset being an example. However, if DAB were improved to the same level as FM, it would be a big improvement.

Question 2: Do you agree with our approach to determining the extent of existing FM coverage, and which of the three field strength levels should be used to define the FM coverage that DAB should match?:

Question 3: Do you agree with our approach to determining the extent of existing DAB coverage, and its relation to the approach we take for FM?:

Question 4: Are the assumptions we make about needing to predict DAB in-vehicle coverage for 99% of the time and for 99% of locations the right ones?:

Question 5: Should the principle of merging editorial areas be explored, as a way of improving coverage?:

Question 6: Above and beyond the frequency changes proposed in this document, should further changes to frequency allocations be explored, as a way of improving coverage?: