

**What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:**

Keep name confidential

**Question 1: Do you agree with our proposals for amending the Digital Radio Technical Code in relation to DAB+? Do you have any views on how we propose its use will be permitted?:**

Yes. I think DAB+ adoption should be encouraged on an accelerated timeline. For consumers, the existing DAB standard typically results in an inferior experience due to overuse of an inefficient compression scheme. This has held back adoption and caused stagnation in the industry, which directly contributes to increasing the lifetime of older radio broadcasting methods such as AM and FM. Ultimately, DAB has contributed to crowding the spectrum and slowed the ability of the industry to move on. The original objectives of freeing up capacity and improving audio quality have failed completely.

**Question 2: Do you have any comments in relation to our proposals to amend the planning standards?:**

**Question 3: Do you have any comments on our proposed approach to Unequal Error Protection and Equal Error Protections?:**

DAB+ as implemented in other countries improves error protections significantly. Adopting the standard approach seems to be the right way to go to ensure there is functional equipment available to broadcasters and consumers at reasonable prices.

**Question 4: Do you agree with our proposals in relation to management of Adjacent Channel Interference?:**

**Question 5: Do you agree with our proposals for amending the Digital Radio Technical Code in relation to multiplex capacity allocation? Do you have any alternative suggestions?:**

30% DAB+ adoption on the new multiplex may be too conservative to drive adoption. I suggest a periodic review of demand vs. capacity allocation so the ratio can be fine-tuned.

**Question 6: Do you agree with our proposals in relation to the management of TA/TP features on DAB? We are particularly interested to hear any views on issues that could affect implementation of these proposals.:**

**Question 7: Do you have any additional comments on either the draft Digital Radio Technical Code or Technical Policy Guidance note?:**

**Question 8: Do you have any other comments to make on any of the matters raised in this consultation?:**