

Organisation (if applicable):

Frontier Silicon

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?:

We are supportive of the introduction of DAB+ for the 2nd national commercial multiplex. We do not see the need for the proposed 30% limit - especially as the process for / timing of a future review is unclear.

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

We support proposals which address the fact that receiving aerials are not typically 10 metres above ground.

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

In clause 3.13, 3, you refer to "UEP 3-A". Do you mean "EEP3-A"?

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

We agree with these proposals.

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?:

The proposal to remove the minimum bitrate requirement: it is important to ensure that the sound quality of audio DAB services is acceptable. We know from experience in Germany that there have been cases (Energy on the national multiplex) where the sound quality is widely perceived as unsatisfactory. It's important that Ofcom has a clear (qualitative) view on what is and is not acceptable - otherwise poor quality of one service could compromise the perception of the whole platform.

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.:

No strong view on this.

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

Footnote 9 on page 15 should refer to the latest version of the Minimum Specification document (believe this is Feb 2014)

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

Are there any plans to address the accuracy of the "time pips" on DAB radios?