

Your response

Question 1: Respondents are invited to comment on whether they agree with Ofcom's preliminary view and to frame their views and responses with reference to, or in the context of, the statutory criteria in section 106(1A) of the Broadcast Act 1990 (as amended).

I disagree with Ofcom's primarily view of switching XS Manchester output to urban contemporary music service featuring music of an Afro-Caribbean origin.

XS Manchester provides a vital platform for local artists who are not welcome to other National and Regional radio stations broadcast output.

The amends to the 'Character of Service' requesting to reduce the amount of locally made programming is also counter-productive.

With the loss of the station, local indie/rock/alternative artists wouldn't get radio airplay. Manchester has 2 stations already playing urban contemporary pop/r'n'b/dance output (Hits Radio & Capital Radio) These stations will not support or allocate airplay for new local artists.

The Manchester music scene is legendary throughout the World. With the demise of XS Manchester there would be no sole radio station committed to new local & alternative music.

XS Manchester is not significantly similar as stated to Radio X. Radio X does not support or play unsigned artists is their daytime output. Manchester's music legacy brings tourism to the city (see the success of Manchester Music Tours here: <https://bit.ly/30obNx7>)

XS Manchester gets out in the community with charity events, pre-concert get-togethers, cinema screenings and local artist showcases.

With regard to section 3.25 and the quote "guitar-based rock music compared to other genres has declined in the past few years among younger age groups", maybe it's time to nurture this supposed small minority who still love alternative indie music who will hear that new exciting new band played on XS Manchester and go out and buy a guitar, write some songs, start a band..... they could be the next Joy Division/New Order/Stone Roses or Oasis and look what



they've achieved for the city. Without a Manchester based radio station playing Manchester music this will never happen again.