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Question 1: Do you agree that Ofcom should give its consent to the closure of the four transmitter sites proposed by talkSPORT with the resulting reductions in AM (medium wave) transmitter coverage? If you do not agree, please give reasons.	Confidential? – N No, I do not agree. The continued reduction of of MW is reducing the number of stations I can listen to. I have lived in two areas with poor or sometimes no DAB signal. One of those areas, where I live just now is on the edge of a sizeable town. Loosing further coverage (especially after the total loss of Absolute Radio

	<p>on MW) would make it harder for me to access radio.</p> <p>Even on the assumption the assumption that DAB signal is available, it would cost too much to upgrade.</p> <p>For me to have DAB in my car, I would need to replace the entire head unit (main radio component) at a cost of £700 assuming I want to keep my built in sat nav. DAB adapters, with the additional cabling and requirement for stick on windscreen antenna, do not provide a safe solution.</p> <p>My main hi-fi is stacking system, which even though is second hand represents an investment of over £300. This would cost upwards of £100 to upgrade to DAB, as DAB receivers are not common so buying new would be the only option.</p> <p>Yes I could listen online, but online near broadband, as mobile phone connections are patchy, and the cost of mobile data remains high.</p> <p>Therefore, like when Absolute closed on medium wave, my only option is to stop listening when a station abandon medium wave. At present, whilst not directly affected by Talk Sports plan to further reduce coverage, I only have reliable access to BBC Radios 1, 2, 3, 4, and Newcastle on FM, 5 Live on MW, and Talk Sport on MW. This gives only 7 stations to listen to. Patchy signal on Heart, Smooth, or Metro quasi national stations is the only other listening option.</p>
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<p>Question 2: Do you agree that there will be no impact on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language or on treating the Welsh language, no less favourably than the English language because this proposal relates to AM coverage area and none of the transmitters affected are located in Wales. If you do not agree, please give reasons.</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>Unsure how this question is relevant, as I'm not aware of Talk Sport broadcasting Welsh language programmes.</p> <p>That being said, I am aware that there is some overspill in certain areas from stations in</p>



England into Wales and vice versa, and the closure of transmitters either side of the border is likely to have indirect impacts on those who still rely on analogue broadcasts for radio, particularly (but not limited to) in rural areas.