

Dear Madam,

I would like to register a 'protest' regarding the possible/probable removal of licence of local radio and below are my reasons.

I am a mother with a child at Ilfracombe Arts College and local radio: Lantern - Hopps and Chappell provided me and hundreds of other parents with the most valuable service of 'local' road reports, particularly with the recent very bad winters that we have had. They requested and had people voluntarily phoning in with which roads and Schools were open/ assessable/couldn't be used or closed. This information ***did not*** come from Devon County Council, the School or the Coach Company's – it came because of Local Radio with presenters with Local knowledge of their area. The presenters followed these reports throughout the bad weather period and even Head teachers were using them to communicate with parents when schools were to close as the weather was again closing in. Excellent Service!

This information was instantly updated through ***Verbal*** communication – the Internet did not/could not keep up, and the internet connection kept going down anyway – apparently due to weather conditions!

I am often on my own and I found listening to Local Radio comforting, knowing that there were people out there (in Barnstaple) not far away presenting, reporting, discussing and engaging local people in local topics, events and activities. I fail to understand how a presenter sat in a studio in Exeter, Bristol or London can achieve any of the above.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I do hope that the licensing authorities will see that Local People want local Radio with Local Presenters.

Thank you