

**Title:**

Mrs

**Forename:**

Alison

**Surname:**

Bater

**Representing:**

Self

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Email:**

**What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:**

Keep nothing confidential

**If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:**

**Ofcom may publish a response summary:**

Yes

**I confirm that I have read the declaration:**

Yes

**Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:**

You may publish my response on receipt

**Additional comments:**

**Question 1: Do you think that allowing Now Digital to extend the coverage area of its Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex licence to include North Devon would unacceptably narrow the range of DAB programme services available in the Exeter and Torbay area? Please explain the reasons for your view.:**

I have no idea how this will affect the services available in Exeter and Torbay, as I live in North Devon.

**Question 2: Do you think that allowing Now Digital to extend the coverage area of its Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex licence to include North Devon would be calculated to maintain or promote the development of digital sound broadcasting in the UK otherwise than by satellite? Please explain the reasons for your view.:**

Again, I have no idea about this.

**Question 3: Do you think that Now Digital's proposals for providing coverage of North Devon are satisfactory? Please explain the reasons for your view.:**

No. I do not wish Now Digital to provide any coverage in North Devon as this would result in no really local radio in our area.

**Question 4: Do you consider that Now Digital has the ability to maintain its local radio multiplex service if its request is granted? Please explain the reasons for your view.:**

I have no idea.

**Question 5: (For programme service providers on the Exeter & Torbay local radio multiplex only) Do you consider that there are sufficient safeguards in place to protect your rights and interests in the event that Now Digital is permitted to extend coverage to include North Devon?:**

**Question 6: Do you consider that there any other grounds on which Ofcom should approve, or not approve, the request from Now Digital? Please explain the reasons for your view.:**

I think that Ofcom should NOT approve the request from Now Digital. I do NOT want them to broadcast in the North Devon area. I stopped listening to Heart the minute the service was broadcast from Exeter because the presenters are from Exeter and I do not wish to listen to them report on only South Devon issues. They do not offer the same quality of service as we used to have when North Devon had a truly local radio station with presenters who reported on and discussed issues and events that mattered to us.

I believe you should re-advertise the license to broadcast on FM so that we can have a proper local service. Please, please give us back our local radio and deny the request from Now Digital. The people of North Devon say NO Digital.