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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.:

No. The proposals shown will not narrow services to exeter and torbay. As n devon will have a multiplex of its own, it should have no impact to the south devon areas

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.:

Exeter and torbay have had a local dab multiplex for many years and the need to expand to north devon is vital if terrestrial dab is to thrive in this area

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.:

Now digital's proposals are excellent. At present the only dab transmitter for this area is at huntshaw cross, so extra transmitters proposed for barnstaple and okehampton should provide superb coverage

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.:

Yes. Now digital is a well established company, and will obviously have taken funding requirements into consideration before applying for a north devon licence

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.:

There is a campaign by a local group (Voice FM) to bring back local radio on FM to north devon. However, Lantern FM were unable to survive as an independent company, and I feel the Voice group should apply for one of the community licences now on offer. As a consequence I feel that Now Digital's expansion into north devon should be approved