

Dear Sir or Madam,

I live in Abbotsham, a small village on the North Coast of Devon, and read in horror the suggestion that this area should be linked with South Devon for FM broadcasts. Torbay is two hours away by road, I can get to Bristol quicker than I can get to Torbay. Our local links are with Bideford, Barnstaple and Ilfracombe, not Exeter and Torquay. In terms of radio reception and distance we are closer to Wales with whom we have even less affinity.

In this era, when localism is nearing the top of the Agenda, we want to see a swing in power back to North Devon which is completely contrary to the proposals you are considering. We need a locally based broadcaster to provide North Devon with the service it deserves, rather than the fag end of a service from S. Devon.

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