

LOXHORE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Ms Jackson,

We understand that there is a consultation currently being held by OFCOM on an application to extend the regional South Devon DAB service to North Devon and Torridge.

We have concerns as a rural Parish Council that this will mean limiting the availability of true local radio either on the existing FM system or the new DAB system. We currently have little or no local news with the only alleged local station coming from Exeter, 65 miles away, focussing on South Devon.

We would like to see a continuation of the local FM service for an indeterminate period. We do not believe that the extension of the South Devon Digital Multiplex will provide a DAB service to cover our population. This is due mainly to our particular geography of hills and valleys.

As a Parish Council we urge you to reconsider your current decisions and ask for the licence to broadcast on FM to be re-advertised in order for our parishioners/area to be properly served.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Matthews
Chairman
Loxhore Parish Council