

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Graham

Surname:

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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.:

No I don't think so.

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.:

No I don't think it would.

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. It seems that when FM is turned off the DAB signal in the North Devon area would be poor.

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 don't know.

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?:

I don't know.

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 don't think the request should be approved because if it is approved then Heart would automatically get a chance to continue to broadcast without the FM licence being re-advertised. Heart broadcast some of their content from Exeter which is in mid Devon and over 60 miles away from Barnstaple. The rest is broadcast from a National studio. If I wanted to listen to a National station I could use any of the BBC stations.

I want a truly local station who will look after, represent and report on North Devon.

We are very lucky to have the chance to have a truly local station if you re-advertise the FM licence.

I am the Business Manager for a Local Barnstaple Charity, Heart really let us down in 2010 by going back on their word to help us promote an event. When this happened The Voice, our local station really pulled out all the stops and tried to help where they could.

Heart must not get an extension automatically, they should re-apply the same as everyone else. Listen to the people of North Devon...Please.

I am happy to discuss any of what I have said either by phone or in person. Please contact me if you wish,