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Mrs

**Forename:**

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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:**

since the closure of north devons local radio station, i have been listening (like many other people in north devon) to a LOCALLY based radio called the voice, i back this 100% as its a truly LOCAL station, with LOCAL presenters, LOCAL news and weather, and more music variety! i would rather listen to a radio station like the voice than heart fm as heart has become more regional, i stopped listening because of the lack of news etc for north devon, i dont care what goes on in exeter! most of it is from london anyway! WE WANT A LOCAL STATION AND THE VOICE IS IT!!

**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

**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've said it before and I will say it again, We were all followers of Lantern and Heart and never missed a day of tuning in to listen to our local presenters. we not only built up good relationships with them all but also looked forward to catching up with them all at local events, some in aid of local charities and some just for fun. All we want is a local radio station with our fab local presenters, interesting how many have come back from the past to support our cause. A regional station cannot possibly provide the same coverage that a local one can. If Heart had stayed in North Devon we would still be tuning in, sadly they didn't and we had to find our own voice.

**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, north devon needs a LOCAL radio station and not one which concentrates on exeter areas, we need a local radio with local presenters and local traffic and travel. North Devon is a large area with out a local station (non BBC) anywhere north of Okehampton and west of Tiverton. Thousands of people with one commerical station which has a few hours from Exeter (50 miles from Barnstaple) which hardly mentions the 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.:**

no

**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?:**

no

**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.:**

NORTH DEVON NEEDS A LOCAL STATION, I'd rather listen to a local station than a regional one as the presenters are all local and work damn hard for what they do and beleive in, we dont want to listen to a station that recruits washed up tv presenters and singers whose careers have gone belly up, local presenters for the local people, thats why i listen to the voice fm