

Title:

Mrs

Forename:

Jeanette

Surname:

Sidey

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:

I write to let you know that I particularly want to see a local FM service for the area, and do not believe the extension of the South Devon Digital multiplex into the North Devon area will provide both the service I prefer and am accustomed to or full and adequate coverage of our area. Many people in north Devon will lose their radio programmes altogether if and when the FM transmissions end. In addition we have a large elderly population many of whom will not possess Digital Radios or be able to afford them and rely heavily on the local radio stations for local news as it happens, as well as traffic information on road closures, local weather conditions etc.

A great many people in rural areas do not have computers or access to the internet and rely heavily on the FM radio service for information. Please do not allow this service to be shut down.

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.:

I do not know.

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.:

I think a lot of current radio users will be worse off .

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, I do not. I understand that many areas will not be covered and a great number of people will lose their radio service altogether when the FM transmissions end

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 do not 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?:

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.: