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Mr

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Organisation

**Organisation (if applicable):**

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**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 believe it would effect it at all

**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 have no view on this matter.

**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.:**

To be honest after looking at the proposal i don't think we will get a good DAB signal at all.

**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 view on this.

**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 view on this.

**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.:**

Being a local businessman for the last 8 years we have been used to a very good local radio set-up which sadly due to changes within the relevent organisation is slowly being taken away from us.I personally feel that Heart have no right to automatically gain the rights to broadcasting here and while i have no personal gripe with them (i have advertised with them in the past),i do not listen to their broadcast on plymouth/Exeter etc,what goes on there is i feel of no real interest to the people of North Devon.Local radio is a great tool for the North Devon people and business owners alike and to lose this would be very sad indeed.