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Sent: 28 June 2011 12:43

To: Andrea Jackson

Subject: RE: consultation Digital Radio in North Devon & FM License for local radio North Devon

Dear Ms Jackson,

I hereby express my concern regarding the proposal to extend the South Devon Digital Radio area to North Devon, especially because this automatically includes the continuation of the local radio FM licence for the benefit of Heart (Global Radio). The way how this is just pushed through without REAL local radio getting a chance to apply for a permanent FM license is ridiculous.

The Voice FM has shown with its temporary licences over the last year it is able to run a true local radio station for North Devon connecting to local people. It is therefore appealing for local companies to advertise, making The Voice FM a success for everyone, except for...

Heart (Global Radio) operating from London with only occasional traffic information from South Devon (over 80 miles away). If this is all "local" a radio station has to offer to keep using the only local FM license available I have great doubts about the integrity of your organisation.

Digital radio is already available on the internet for those who like this. Analogue FM broadcasting should remain in place as only there a large listening audience is available. To keep the only local analogue FM licence with a radio station which is not local at all seems to me as abuse of public infrastructure.

I am looking forward to hear from you regarding your descision making on this topic.

Yours sincerely,

Eric van der Horst