

What are your comments on these proposals?:

I have heard a lot from bigger groups suggesting that FM and AM should be turned off to allow DAB to make it's way in becoming the future of radio.

I think the whole way in which DAB is run should be looked at. I don't feel groups should have been allowed to 'own' the multiplexes, enabling themselves to price potential rivals and community stations out of the market.

I feel the way in which FM and AM works at present is ideal - certainly for smaller broadcasters, such as community or small ILR. If the big groups are so fond of DAB, maybe they should free up space on FM and AM for more locally focussed community stations, as with recently running a community youth focused RSL in Watford, it was clear that there is a need of the type of station that will help within the community.

I feel if DAB is really going to become the future, it needs to be radically overhauled. In Watford we now have a Herts, Beds and Bucks multiplex launching soon. It will feature NO commercial stations aiming at Watford, but a much bigger area. The local ILR station Mercury 96.6 has not featured on the proposed station list, which concerns me that the area I live is not sufficiently covered by commercial radio on DAB on a local basis.