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**What are your comments on these proposals?**

In principle I agree that the AM signal should be switched off and put to better use. Where possible current AM only stations should be given a low powered FM frequency.

However I do think we are a long way from even considering the switch off or future use of the FM band, even 2012 would be too soon. Households have four or five FM radios, and car companies have not started including DAB radios as standard. I don't think I've even seen a car with a DAB radio in. Have Ofcom taken into consideration the future use of Radio Mics and other such devices if the space on the FM is reduced?

It is right that Ofcom should regulate content on DAB radio ensuring local content is safeguarded in the digital future.

Ofcom should carry out more rigorous checks to ensure Community stations adhere to the terms of their licence, and not become a mini-main stream station via the back door.