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What are your comments on these proposals?

I have worries on the switch off of the analogue signal for two main reasons. Firstly DAB radios in cars are virtually non-existent. Minimal changeover has taken place in this field in comparison to DAB radios in the home. OFCOM needs to work with the car industry on this.

Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, the coverage of DAB is still weak. I am not able to use my DAB radio at work although the postcode, NE65 0PE, is supposed to support the signal. The signal for the BBC stations is not strong enough so I had to go back to an analogue radio. In my home I can get a good signal but only in specific parts of the house and particular points in a room. If I move my radio in the kitchen 5cms in any direction other than its current point I lose the signal completely.

The DAB signal seems to be very, very sensitive, how on earth will it work in a moving car?, and until this problem is remedied the analogue needs to remain. (I am incidentally a great fan of DAB, I just want the signal to be better to give the same versatility that I get with FM and MW. Solve that problem and the switch off would get reduced opposition)