

Consultation response form

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Consultation title	Review of rules for prominence of BBC Three: Consultation on proposed changes to the linear EPG Code
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Question	Your response
Question 1: Do you agree with our provisional view on appropriate prominence for BBC Three? Please provide evidence to support your views.	Confidential? – N Do not agree. Originally BBC3 was moved from Freeview to Internet-only-iplayer, ignoring the very high viewer complaints, especially those without internet-streaming-to-TV viewing facilities, and yet still expected to pay the full Licence tax for a service to which they had no access. The BBC board does NOT act in the public interest of either the majority or minority-

	<p>group Licence stakeholders that are the viewing public.</p> <p>Now, because of low viewing figures, the BBC wishes to reinstate another Freeview channel, instead of simply putting the content into the “channel duplication broadcasts, or repeat space” of its existing channels, ie from NEWS24 onto BBC1 and BBC2, and the prolific repeats within days of the original broadcast.</p> <p>There should be no repeats on BBC1 or 2 or 4 or News or Parliament as full catchup is available with iplayer, ie ignorant mismanagement by BBC Board.</p> <p>Grabbing additional channel(s) for the sake of empire-building is grossly unacceptable, especially when the BBC has already vastly expanded its commercial snout (UKTV) into the Freeview structure (dumping the BBC1,2 etc content into that commercial sector) diverting advertising revenue from the commercial-only broadcasters.</p>
<p>Question 2: Are there any material impacts that we have not considered and should be included in our analysis? Please provide details and evidence to support your answer.</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>Where is an explicit, and publicised, public consultation of what WE want from the BBC? Increasingly I have observed how the BBC hides its consultations, does not inform Freeview viewers they are active, nor where to find them.</p> <p>Contrary to BBC claims of minimal impact upon commercial broadcasters, it is grossly diverting advertising revenue with UKTV.</p> <p>Receiving the Licence Fee tax the BBC should not be involved in ANY commercial broadcast activities of any kind in the UK.</p> <p>The BBC activities in the UK cannot, must not, be segregated/partitioned as funded/commercial unrelated entities, it is all the BBC abusing market privilege.</p>
<p>Question 3: Do you agree with our proposed implementation period of 18 months?</p>	<p>Confidential? – N</p> <p>Only channels 1-9 are significant to the viewers, these other arbitrary groupings of 24 etc are inconsequential.</p>

Within the 1-9 range the BBC already uses 3 allocations, that exceeds its limit as the other major broadcasters are entitled to equal positioning (especially as their overall viewing figures better the BBC).

The BBC should only be allocated two, the claimed demographic age need for BBC3 is arbitrary and meaningless for the implied programme classification.

The traditional UK commercial broadcasters ITV, FOUR and FIVE are of equal value and public interest (with arguably higher quality productions due to their absence of BBC unfounded self-proclaimed expertise.

Give the BBC the first "free slot" starting from channel-99 descending, no disruption to existing broadcasters is necessary, no disruption to the viewing public by having to refamiliarize themselves to any number change, and no need to delay 18 months.

But the emphasis should be to tell the BBC to distribute its BBC3 (and BBC4) programming across the repeats of BBC1/2/4, and junk BBC3 (and BBC4) completely.