Consultation: Proposed new BBC DAB+ radio stations and proposed changes to Radio 5 Sports Extra

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To BBCaudioproposals <BBCaudioproposals@ofcom.org.uk>

Hello,

I understand that your provisional decision is to not allow the BBC to expand the services offered by Radio 2 or 5 Live as they may affect commercial stations.

I have to say I am extremely surprised about this. In theory, I am the target age for Boom (62) but, although I have tried it several times, it in no way caters for me. It just plays (very predictable) records whereas the R2 spin off station promised far more than that including rebroadcasts of items from BBC's fantastic archives, and a significant spoken word contact. I was really looking forward to it and regret this being denied to me. Perhaps you could suggest a station that would give me a similar thing?

Similarly, there seems to be some thought that expanding 5 Live Sports Extra might threaten TalkSport. This makes me wonder if anyone from Ofcom has actually listened to the two stations? Although they do both cover sport, one does so in a competent manner without non-stop promotion of betting companies, and the other is TalkSport.

Bluntly, your decision will restrict my choice, will not make me listen to commercial radio more, and should be reversed, please.

Thank you.

Regards,

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