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Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 1:38 PM
To: Ofcom Contact Centre <OfcomContactCentre@ofcom.org.uk>
Subject: EXTERNAL:Radio2 Extra

Dear Ofcom,

I am really disappointed at your decision not to let BBC Radio2 expand and give an older audience the chance to have a new station full of great 50's 60's and 70's music plus shows going back to the 60's from the likes of Kenny Everett and all the wealth of archives that the BBC licence payers paid for. This station would be unique and certainly nothing like Boom Radio which you seem to think needs protecting. When I worked at Capital Gold in the 70's we were only on AM and I made a remark about this in the press and a gentleman from Ofcom invited me out for lunch and he explained that Ofcom would not give Capital Gold an FM licence as it would make Capital so powerful. It strikes me the same thing is happening all over again, because of Radio2 being successful we can't expand. I think you have made the wrong decision and hope you will rethink this. I helped pioneer radio in the 60's and I believe that Boom Radio and Radio2 extra would both do well. My view is, let the public decide, please rethink this as I have a deep love of radio and after 61 years know quite a bit about it. I am also touring with a Sounds of the Sixties theatre show designed for an older audience which is selling out in big theatres all over the country, we are in our 6th year and this audience would love Radio2 extra and also Boom Radio.

Please rethink this, it's not too late

Best Wishes

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