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Dear Rhona Parry,

In response to your consultation - *Second Public Service Broadcasting Review – Phase One: The Digital Opportunity consultation* - and in relation to your main objective of furthering the interests of citizen-consumers; in particular, developing "a new broadcasting licensing regime to foster self-regulation and broaden citizen/consumer choice" I would ask that Ofcom considers acceptance of local community television as public service broadcasters.

As a local filmmaker, I have seen at first hand the value of a local television station and the importance of empowering citizens to become content providers and creating media, which reflects and raises awareness of local issues and interests. This constitutes a valuable public service. It enhances skills, encourages a sense of place and ownership of the city and has the potential to foster greater citizenship. In particular the role of local television in programming around the contribution of "new communities" to the cultural life of Northern Ireland cannot be underestimated.

In relation to the development of local television in Belfast, I would be grateful if Ofcom would support NvTv being carried on Freeview as a local public service broadcaster. Such a development would ensure that everyone in the city has access to a valuable local service and would support the efforts of the community media and cultural film sector to nurture the city's cultural and creative assets and talent.

Yours sincerely  
Carol Moore  
Producer/Director