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Madam,

I was listening to BBC WM from Birmingham this morning, and Tony Wadsworth, sitting in for Ed Doolan on the consumer morning show, advised you were interested in BBC T.V. comments, and would like to add my own thoughts on same.

There is far too much unnecessary bad language.

Far too many repeats, and the Christmas programmes were dismal with many repeats.

For some time, I, and people who have spoken on the topic, wonder why it is necessary to have the loud intrusive music in nearly

every programme shown, even the news on other channels has it, apart from distraction to the programme, being a pensioner, some of my friends and colleagues cannot always hear their chosen programme, because the loud music overtakes the talking, I really think this is something that really needs looking into, I especially like the nature programmes, but they are spoilt with the music, I think the spoken commentary is quite sufficient and enjoyable, but not so, with the music - perhaps this comment could be taken on board your collection being collected.

yours faithfully  
A. Allen

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BBC Charter Review  
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Dear Sirs,

I always listen to BBC WM radio, and was interested in a discussion today, on the Ed Doolan show about future programmes on the BBC. I was unable to get through to the discussion, but understand all comments and E Mails are being passed to you, and would ask if you could take my "gripe" on board too.

When Ed was in Australia a few weeks ago, Tony Wadsworth was doing his show, and people then were commenting on radio programmes, and Tony suggested we wrote to Jessa Jowell, which I did, and to date, of course, no reply.

Anyway, what annoys me strongly is the loud unnecessary music, in the background of most programmes on the television, I like the nature programmes, which all have loud music, and if

the presenter talks softer, his or her presentation becomes nearly inaudible, apart from this music being totally unnecessary it does distract ones attention from the programme, as this has become something of an obsession by the TV channels, I wonder, as a license payer, my thoughts could be considered? T.V. is what we pensioners rely on, especially in the evenings, and I feel so fed up, I am beginning to use my set less and less.

Another lady on Ed's show was saying the same as me, and whose comments you may receive. Did I hear too that the license is going up again?

Please, please, can we have less thumping background noise?

Your comments are awaited.

Yours faithfully

A. Allen