

To:- BBC Charter Review Consultation,
D.C.M.S.

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Sirs,

I wish to make a few points:-

(1). I am over 75, and therefore qualify for a free TV licence, but would be prepared to pay if it supported something like the status quo or resulted in higher quality programmes.

(2). I avoid the Commercial Channels like the plague as I cannot stand the adverts! However, The BBC is now running them a close second by all the "trailers" for forthcoming programmes. There are a great number of Guides on the newsagent's shelves - Radio Times, TV Times, TV Quick, TV Choice, What's on TVetc. etc. ad nauseam. I would have thought that between them, they would have made your "trailers" unnecessary. I gather that all Channels are chasing "Ratings" rather than providing quality programmes. I expect The BBC to go for quality, with little regard for Ratings.

(3). Radio is my favourite, (having excellent output from BBC Radio Devon - *on MW I might add*) but I switch to BBC TV for the early evening news, and selected items.

(4). Just a few years ago, it seems, we were all advised to get a VHF radio. (I have never been convinced of its superior quality unless using a roof-mounted aerial array). It is noticeable that as you walk past a "portable" set, you cause distortion. We are now being promised Digital Sound. Hope it lives up to the claims.

yours sincerely,



(R.E. Allen)