

BBC Charter Review Consultation,  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I picked up the leaflet "Your BBC your say" from my local public library. I believe that the BBC is analogous to the public library because it is a repository of information and an access for people to gain knowledge of the world we live in and of course to fiction and literature.

I fully support these two institutions. They are and should be publically funded : they are essential to a healthy democracy.

We have a powerful press driven by market forces and ever-more legislation and political pressures impinging upon our lifestyles. I think the BBC is best left alone to manage itself and to serve the community as it has done so ably over the years.

A word of praise for our local Radio Devon, highly topical and entertaining. I commend the Today programme but not so pleased with the 6 p.m. TV newscast. I think channel Four news has the edge here. But this is only a small criticism.

Yours faithfully,



Graeme Gerratt