

BBC Charter Review Consultation,
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
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Dear Sirs,

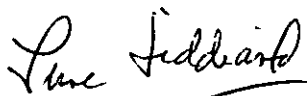
BBC Charter Review 2006

I am writing to you regarding the above. As an ordinary member of the public I am most concerned with the outcome of this review as I believe the BBC is a unique institution and plays a vital role in the cultural life of our country.

1. BBC provides a national public service in news, current affairs, entertainment etc etc on both television and radio – a variety of broadcasting.- I do not want it to be reduced simply to the role of providing one kind of broadcasting.
2. If the network gets broken up – like the railways – into many parts it will never be put back again and everyone will have lost the vital cohesive role it performs in the life of our country. In my opinion the BBC must be a British National Public Service and everyone must have access.
3. Advertising: If you allow the BBC to be supported by advertising then, in my opinion, it no longer becomes a public service, and would be at the mercy of vested commercial interests.
4. Funding: If the BBC licence fee is dropped and the BBC is predominantly funded from subscription then I think within a very short time it will no longer be a national service but will, in essence, become a shareholder private company.
5. Reforming of the BBC Board of Governors. I agree that it should no longer have a dual role. Responsibilities should be clear and concise to avoid endless bureaucracy.

Many thousands of ordinary people like myself value the BBC. The charter renewal in 2006 and the way it is dealt with should be open and clear with no show of malice or political meanness. As you will see from the above I am not a fan of the recommendations produced by David Elstein's committee for the Tory Party.

Yours sincerely,



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c.c. John Randall, MP Uxbridge