

BBC Charter Review Consultation,
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Monday, 29th March 2004.

Dear Madam / Sir,

Charter Review Consultation

Key Questions: Value BBC

I value the News - to be informed -

Good Drama -- Classical Series --
Opera or Music --- Art programmes.

Recently the programme on Michelangelo &
Mozart excellent.

The London News after 6.30 pm is not
as good as I would expect.

History programmes usually very good.
Tennis coverage good.

Changes to Technology & Culture.

No comment.

Online Services

No comment.

BBC Commercial Services?

Probably NOT.

How Pay?

Can think of no alternative unless BBC is independent & by Advertiser.

BBC organisational?

difficult to comment.

How run?

Better regulation & more informed oversight - however best achieved is difficult to comment.

The public view is vital & protection of the high standing of BBC as being accurate & impartial is most important.

Radio
TV example The Today Programme is less "good" than ^{Radio} previous years. It can still be excellent but the more sensational & "tabloid" approach is less attractive to me. "Well researched" & "presentation" seem to be two key words to be used.

How BBC accountable to public & parliament?

Listeners views on Radio seem to be well represented on the whole. If public influence were to lead to "dumbing down" as ~~so~~ many T.V. Series etc it is not a good idea.

I have been favourably struck by the content & presentation of Women's Hour - it faces & deals with vigour with difficult

issues in ⁽²⁾ a calm yet kindly
manner. Women's Hour shows
courage & compassion it
seems to me

"From Our Own Correspondent"
also an excellent programme of
information, comment & views.

Old favourites like "Money Box"
& "Any Questions/Answers"
give a balanced & helpful
view.

If T.V. could be a little
more like the best of Radio
it might ensure the high
standards associated with the
name B.B.C. of which so many
of us have been justly proud.

Apologies for this being
written in a rush - to meet the
deadline of 31st

Yours faithfully
Rosemary (Mallard)