

## **APPLEBY NATALIE**

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**From:** APPLEBY NATALIE  
**Sent:** 24 March 2004 12:28  
**To:** 'mrsreadpowell@onetel.com'  
**Subject:** BBC Charter Review

Dear Mrs Read-Powell,

### **BBC Charter Review**

Thank you for your email of the 17th March to Tessa Jowell. I am dealing due to my responsibilities for the BBC Charter Review.

On 11 December 2003 Tessa Jowell launched the BBC Charter review with a wide-ranging industry and public consultation. This consultation is supported by a package of survey research and direct engagement with viewers and listeners.

We intend to publish a Green Paper at the end of this year, which will bring together the results of the consultation and other strands of work to form policy options for further consideration. We are grateful for the comments you have made about the BBC and have fed them into the Charter review process.

Thank you for your interest and contribution to BBC Charter review.

Natalie Appleby  
BBC Charter Review

**From:** Ann Read-powell  
**Sent:** 17 March 2004 13:55  
**To:** JOWELL TESSA - MP  
**Subject:** BBC licence feedback

Dear Ms Jowell

First I do apologise for my previous blank email message sent in error. The BBC is supposed to be welcoming feedback with regard to the renewal of their licence fee but I can find no links to such a debate on their web pages.

I would like to appeal to you regarding the inequalities and discrepancies existing with the present payment system. I cannot think of any other service for which one has to pay where you must pay full whack for only a partial service. For any other package if you receive a reduced service you pay a reduced fee.

Why should people who cannot receive channel 5 or Freeview for instance pay a fee that covers the cost of the BBC's new digital channels. Poor people, or those in geographically poor reception areas, should be offered a reduced licence fee.

At the moment we are treated like second class citizens. We get a second rate service and have the indignity of having to watch advertisements on the BBC for programmes we cannot receive. This is just not good enough. It is an unjust and iniquitous situation. And we do not want it to continue for several more years before things improve. They are just hoping poor pensioners such as myself will have died or be non compos mentis before then. I am 66 and I don't want to wait until I am 75 when I may be offered a free licence it is far too long to wait.

Yours sincerely

F.A. Read-Powell (Mrs)

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