

B.B.C. Charter Review,
Public Consultation.

11/3/04

Dear Sir,

In reply to the leaflet asking for our opinions re. the latest review, our answers to the questions are as follows.

- 1) We value the independence of the B.B.C. and the coverage of news by its reporters.
Our local area is well served.
- 2) With an ageing population, less familiar with internet etc. we think the traditional services on radio and television should be continued as well as developing new technology.
- 4) We think the B.B.C. should limit its commercial activities to what is practised at the moment.
- 5) Licence fee should be retained.
- 6) Yes regulation as now. Standards should be emphasised.

As retired teachers we are very concerned about the effect of so much violence shown on the B.B.C.

We know from our own experience when growing up, that we imitated the behaviour of our role models in the films we then saw. Children subjected to violent behaviour by the police and villains shown in many of the series will do the same. We know that for most families, the 9.00 o'clock deadline is ignored. We say this as a matter of fact.

The B.B.C. has always been an institution, admired and envied worldwide. We hope always to be proud of its 'difference' from commercial rivals. We hope that many of its original principles will continue.

Yours faithfully, Margaret & Gerry O'Neil.