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Consultation on future of BBC.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my horror at the thought of the BBC going to advertising for funding.

My viewing has reduced in recent years to less than an hour a week, nearly always the BBC, as the ITV has to be an extremely interesting programme to overcome the annoyance of adverts.

The BBC programmes are also generally much poorer;

a: The picture quality and camera work is lower in standard.

b: The very annoying putting original programmes made in 4:3 head cut for 16:9.

c: The excessive use of trailers and ghastly interval pieces.

d: Over loud and unnecessary music backing to speech.

If the analogue signal is cut I would give up watching altogether and rely on radio which again would be not worth listening with adverts.

Radio also suffers from c: and d: above and though I have DAB the quality is poorer than FM but on BBC 7 there are at least very good programmes albeit made often 30 years ago.

Being an ex BBC TV engineer I would also note that the picture quality on Digital TV is worse than the analogue but this just continues the trend of slowly reducing quality since 405 B & W days.

Yours very concerned,



Keith G Palmer.