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BBC Charter Review public consultation.

Dear Sir,

I can only receive BBC 1, BBC 2, ITV and Channel 4. Of these, I mostly watch BBC 1 and 2 because I dislike advertisements on T.V. Even BBC has far too many trailers, usually showing violent and bad behaviour (surely a bad influence on children) and which I find rather depressing.

I like programmes on travel, news, history and archeology but so often they are spoilt for me by the need to be 'entertainment' for instance action being speeded up or slowed down. Worst of all is the background music, unnecessary, too loud and often inappropriate to the subject.

I enjoy seeing BBC News at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. but I think some of the newsreaders are annoying to watch when they 'play up' to each other at times - I have in mind Bill Turnbull/Natasha Kaplinsky.

I would like to see presenters on outside broadcasts try to keep their hands still as this sort of emphasis is distracting.

In conclusion, I enjoy listening to BBC Radio 4 - the Today programme especially, for me it is more informative than television.

Yours sincerely,

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