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BBC Charter Review  
Department for Culture  
Media and Sport  
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Dear Sir

Thank you for the opportunity to input into the New Charter.

At present the BBC is being funded by licence. And they can then broadcast what they feel is suitable, dependent upon the Governors remit. Therefore they have to balance between popular programmes or more educational and serious themes, which the majority won't want to watch or listen to.

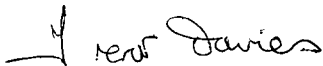
If we change to subscription then the BBC would be directed towards more popular programmes or earns no money.

We must look for a balance, as it would be wrong to allow the pseudo elitists to present us with opera, ballet and plays by Chekov under the disguise of public service broadcasting.

The governors should consist of a wide range of professionals, and members of the public from all the classes of society preferably non-political or a wide range of political views.

Let us then have a reduced licence fee to enable the BBC to fulfil its to public service broadcasting. And subscriptions to support the popular programmes such as 'Ground Force' and other DIY, soaps, and reality programmes.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trevor Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Trevor Davies