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Dear Sirs,

You are asking for our opinions on BBC. We find we listen to the radio more, these days - so much rubbish on T.V. Too many soaps, science fiction, too much loud background music, too much bad language, explicit sex, so unlike the old films. On the whole, apart from sport, which my husband likes, we watch only a few programmes. These are, wildlife, Fred Dibnah, University Challenge, Mastermind; travel I enjoy "As Time Goes By", "Born & Bred", "The Good Life" etc. all simple uncomplicated stories.

I love Classic F.M and Radio 2, for music, but at times Radio 2 is like Radio 1, which I dislike. I don't like Lulu on a Sunday - much prefer Desmond Carrington (now I miss it on Tuesdays)

Could we have more of Bill Turnbull and Sian on morning news? They are lovely, natural people, unlike Natasha Kaplinski & Dermot. Natasha, particularly, is false, full of herself, pretends to be demure & shy, but she is anything but. She mumbles as she reads, rattles those phone numbers and W.W.W off, far too quickly.

She is a "show-off", affected, unlike Sian Williams.

I dislike intensely, the pronunciation of presenters who persist in saying "law rand order, raw regg, withdrawal, drawing out, saw ran accident, saw it, what is wrong with them? Can't they spell, read? (Even a Ukrainian friend remarked about it)

Please give full addresses, not just WWW etc. We do not all have access at home, nor want it! We would like less repeats, unless they are old films, comedy (real comedians) and food programmes.

I was surprised to see Helen Prospero on Channel 5, after I had read in the newspaper that she found T, V and looking after a baby, too much. There are far too many cooking programmes and too many buying houses at ridiculous prices. How does that relate to ordinary people, on moderate salaries?

Please do not arrange programmes just for youngsters - think of all ages.

So, less soaps, less sci-fi, less bad language, less loud music spoiling programmes, less explicit sex, (leave it to the imagination)

More correct pronunciation, football, nature, travel (like Michael Palin) University Challenge, Mastermind, Red Dribnah, Desmond Carrington AND lots of classical music - no "pop"!

Please oblige!

Yours faithfully,  
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