

I strongly object to the proposal to allow 30% of DAB bandwidth to be wasted on television services, and for television to be classed as "digital programme services" that can be carried on Digital Radio multiplexes.

DAB bandwidth should be reserved exclusively for RADIO (and radio related data such as an Electronic Programme Guide for radio).

The quality on DAB is already very low, making it unsuitable for any form of hi-fi listening. Indeed, as many services are only in low-quality mono, it's often hardly worth listening at all, even on a 'portable radio.

Robbing DAB radio of yet more bandwidth shouldn't merit a moment of serious consideration, nor should similar degradation be allowed, e.g. any downgrading of stereo 128kbit services to 112kbit, or changing any stereo services to mono. I like many others have paid hundreds of pounds for DAB RADIO's at the start of the service on the promise that QUALITY as well as quantity would bring a radio service with near CD quality sound. We did not support an emerging service by paying hundreds of pounds so that mobile phone companies and others can come along and steal data capacity in order to make a fast profit.

DAB is DIGITAL **AUDIO** Broadcasting not Digital Data Broadcasting, please keep the current bandwidth levels / restrictions in place and give DAB a chance to flourish as Freeview has given DTT the opportunity to grow.