

Good afternoon

Below are my responses to your LCN consultation for Freeview. The only part that is confidential is my email address.

- 1) Option A is OK
- 2) Option B is OK
- 3) Option A is the best option of the two as the adult channels are far away so there is less chance of kids finding them. Plus there is more space for text and streaming services.
- 4) There should be sections for shopping and specialist (religious, foreign language, gambling), like there is on all other TV platforms. There are currently 13 shopping channels so they really need their own section so people who like shopping channels can find them easily, whilst those that aren't interested can avoid them. The proposed LCN listing structure should be changed slightly to this:
140 - general entertainment overspill
150 - shopping
180 - specialist
- 5) It should be done as soon as practically possible seeing as the children's channels have already overspilled.
- 6) I think channels should have to broadcast for a minimum of 14 hours a week during the hours of 6am and midnight, or for a minimum of 28 hours a week during the hours of midnight and 6am. This will reduce the number of channels hogging LCN's by broadcasting a tiny amount of programming in the early hours when few people are watching and so not really affecting the main channel they are borrowing time from.
- 7) Yes, I agree
- 8) Yes, I agree
- 9) Yes, I agree
- 10) Yes, I agree
- 11) Yes, I agree
- 12) I think option A is preferable as then the channels which are in the public's best interests are higher up, and not just those with the bigger pockets (and potentially more questionable content).
- 13) Yes, I agree
- 14) Yes, I agree
- 15) Unsure on this one
- 16) Yes, if shopping, religious and gambling channels are split up from general entertainment. Otherwise I can see them buying a channel with a high up LCN just to shut it down and replace it with a shopping channel
- 17) Yes, I agree
- 18) Yes, I agree
- 19) No

Thanks,
Paul Miller