

Question 1: Do consultees agree that these are appropriate policy objectives for Ofcom in considering possible alternative arrangements for signing on television?:

Yes

Question 2: Do consultees agree that Ofcom has identified appropriate options?:

Yes

Question 3: Do consultees agree with Ofcom's reasons for rejecting the ideas described in paragraph 3.18?:

Question 4: Do consultees agree with the proposals outlined in paragraph 3.32?:

Question 5: Do consultees agree that the aim should be to put any new arrangements in place from the start of 2008?:

Question 6: Do consultees have any comments on the impact assessment? Where possible, it would be useful for arguments about the cost of different options to be supported by relevant data.:

Question 7: Do consultees consider that the proposed revisions to the Code are sufficiently clear?:

Comments:

I believe that the proposals for more BSL programmes, many of a factual nature, made by Deaf people and broadcast on The Community Channel, at times when it is available FTA on Freeview, represent the best way forward.

As someone who has argued that The Community Channel should be awarded Public Broadcaster Status, by the Secretary of State, on previous occasions, I would point out that, if / when The Community Channel obtains PSB status, it should be entitled to reserved space on PSB1, PSB2 or PSB3 on Freeview. PSB Status would ensure that BSL programmes could be broadcast on The Community Channel at "normal" times.