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Dear Sirs

Re your consultation paper on the rating of empty houses in Belfast.

Piney Hills has at least a dozen such, most are looking derelect with their gardens desolate all the trees and bushes having been cut down. These houses are empty for long term gain and do not deserve special treatment. Meanwhile the remaining residents have seen their homes and the estate generally depreciate. As there are approx. 100 homes in the estate the remainig homes are carrying an exter 10 or 12% rate burden.

There can be no good reason why empty ~~property~~ properties should not bear their share of the city expenses.

Yours