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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Review of Domestic Rating – Reduction of Maximum
Capital Value Consultation.**

Fermanagh District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation on the reduction of the maximum capital value in relation to Domestic Rating.

As stated in our previous response in July 2007, the Council remains opposed to the use of capping on equality grounds, as this effectively negates the underpinning principle of a progressive tax system. In addition, Council would contend that the maximum benefit from a reduction in the capital value would most benefit the least deprived wards, thus conflicting with the aims of the Government's Lifetime Opportunities strategy to tackle poverty and social exclusion.

I trust that the views of Fermanagh District Council will be given due consideration in the consultation process.

Yours faithfully,

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