

Why has the assembly embarked on this horrendous rate scheme which seems targeted at the prudent careful home owners who have sought to improve their homes and enhance the community around them.

The withdrawal of the transitional rate relief next year and the prospect of the addition of a water charge on top of my very high rates is a worry to me and my wife. I note that this £400,000 cap would be likely to limit my rates to £2,500 and I believe that this is still too high for the services I receive. I am particularly disappointed as small homes valued at £35,000 may only be paying £215 next year when I may be paying £2900.

Considering that both homes will receive the same level of services and many in small homes have more than one earner or might have a government support to pay both rates and rent, I feel that fairness dictates that the cap be reduced to £400,000.

Yours sincerely