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Re: Rates and Water Expenses

Dear Sir,

I am retired and have an adequate pension. However, I am horrified by the rise in the Rates. When the transitional relief ends, I will have to find nearly £3000 a year for Rates, not to mention Water expenses of another £1000. I feel very irate that I could be forced to sell my home through no fault of my own. I like living here. I have excellent neighbours and I can walk to the shops or go into town as the bus service is very good. I feel that the reward for having worked hard over many years is to be most unfairly taxed. The £400.00 cap would still mean a monthly amount of £250. Add to that Water Rates of approximately £100 per month ( **and no water meter** ) - £350 per month. This is scandalous and far too high for someone on a fixed income.

What has happened to all the promises made regarding Rates and Water?

Yours in despair

  
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