

Dear Sir,

I write in response to your rating consultation to support the proposal of capping the capital value at which house rates are applied to £400,000.

In order to reflect the use of all the same services for houses valued up to £50,000, it is also reasonable to introduce a base band charge similar to what happens in England.

Under the current arrangements, a disproportionate amount is being paid by those in higher value homes, some of whose occupants are pensioners with only modest savings.

It is, in any case, fundamentally unfair to charge over ten times as much to some homeowners for the provision of exactly the same services. Indeed, many in low value homes are already receiving social support and having bills paid out of national taxes.

I hope you will work towards a more equitable arrangement by setting the cap at £400,000

Yours faithfully,