

Dear Sir,

I wish to add my name to the list of protesters to the new rating system.

I am 76 years old & live with my wife in a large house, for the past 40 years. My family have now moved on, & all my memories & possessions are here.

I am living on a state pension, a local government pension & a small amount from savings. In 2006 my rate bill was £1300, this year £1700 & in 2 yrs £3100. This represents a large increase of approx £1800 p.a. not to mention a renewal in 2010 & the possibility of water rates; & also all my other taxes. I will find it very hard to cope with this.

The new system is grossly unfair & does not take in the ability to pay, or the use of public facilities for households.

There should be more allowances for pensioners, disabilities, capping, numbers per house, etc.

I trust that some consideration will be given to these & other points made by many other people.