

Sir/Madam

I have lived in my house since 1984 and I am now 66 years old and obviously living on pension and the new rating is an insult to me after working 39 and half years. During that time I have paid income tax and national insurance and other taxes. When in retirement I had hoped to enjoy it but now have to wonder where the monies will come from to pay rates of £2400 which was £1600 and certainly my pension increase does not rise @this rate.

Surely it would be much fairer to put a cap on the value of a house and also increase the amount of savings to say £35000 as present limit is totally out of keeping @ £16000. Please remember that incomes in N Ireland are behind the UK

Also the proposed new way to treat disabled persons is nothing short of disgraceful ie their house must have adaptations when many of these persons are on DLA and AA.

I trust the N Ireland Assembly will be more in tune with residents as obviously Gordon Brown is not. I wonder how MPs could survive if faced with the average pensioner incomes?