

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make the following points in relation to the Consultation on the Review of the Reform of the Domestic Rating system:

If a single capital value system is to be maintained:

- Disability relief should not be dependent on whether the individuals home is adapted for the disability – for example the visually impaired and some physically and mentally disabled may not have any adaptations to their homes – yet they should receive the relief
- There should be a 25% reduction on bills for single persons occupancy of a house

If the capital value system must be maintained then

- The maximum rates should be based on a home value of £300,000 rather than the current £500,000.
- Any rate relief being directed at students must be given to them and not to their landlords.
- An increase on the savings limit for pensioners before their rate relief is affected.
- The maximum that people should pay for their rates should be no more than five times the lowest rate bill with the system generating no more revenue than had previously been generated by the old Rating System. (I understand that the in the rest of the UK the range is only three times.)