

Consultation on Rates 28th August 2007

On behalf of the Stranmillis Residents Association whom represent over one thousand households from The Museum to the Stranmillis round-about.

We wish to put forward a number of points that when put in place will help our residents come to terms with the massive increase that our area has and will endure.

Relief for disability should not just be made available to those that have their house adapted. A number of disabilities, blind, physically or mentally handicapped may not have any or may be waiting for adaptations to their homes. All disabilities should receive Rates relief.

Single person's occupancy of a house should get 25% reduction.

Rate reductions should be given directly to students not to Landlords. Our area is a student area . (I would be very interested on how it is going to be policed.)

The limit of Pensioners savings to be increased.

The transitional relief of payments should be extended; the rates have increased by 6 fold in our area, making the burden of payment greater.

Recognise ability to pay.

Maximum rates should be based on home value of £300.000.

Thank you for taking onboard our points of view.

Ellison Craig
Chairperson