

DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF – RELIEF UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing this form. All sections must be completed before we can consider your application. Please continue on a separate piece of paper if you need more space.

Company Name:

Company Address:

Property Address for which rate relief is sought:

For office use only

Current rateable value:

Property Description :

Property Reference no:

1) How will the plans for your business benefit the area and assist North East Lincolnshire to build a stronger economy?

2) Tell us the nature of your business (e.g. food distribution).

3) What are the plans for this property? (e.g. new workshop). Please include the planning application number if applicable.

4) Provide details and evidence of your business plan including a growth forecast and the level of financial support you are requesting.

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5) Tell us the number of estimated full time equivalent jobs that will be created over the next three years.

Year 1: _____

Year 2: _____

Year 3: _____

6) Tick any of the following commitments that your company actively encourages to promote staff development.

- Training staff for skills required
- Paying the Living Wage
- Investing in Apprenticeships
- Other (please specify below)

7) Provide details of any support you are receiving or undertaking (e.g. grant application). If not applicable enter 'None'.

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8) Tell us the amount of state aid your company has received in the previous 3 financial years. (Please read the guidance notes for further details). If not applicable enter 'Nil'.

9) Have you enclosed a copy of the previous 2 years audited accounts?

Yes

No

If no, please give a full explanation:

10) Include any additional information that you feel supports your application in the box below.

Declaration:

I declare:-

- That to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given on this application form and in any supporting material is correct.
- I understand that it is a criminal offence to give false information when making an application for rate relief.
- That I am the ratepayer or authorised to sign on behalf of the ratepayer.

Signed (for Company):

Please print name:

Position within Company:

Dated:

Telephone no:

Email address:

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North East Lincolnshire Council will restrict the award of this relief to business developments that increase revenue received from the tax base in the medium to long term - i.e. that are new developments or an expansion to an existing hereditament. Consideration will also be given to the business or organisation's commitment to creating new jobs and developing the skills of local people.

Giving rate relief to a business or organisation will be balanced against whether this creates unfair market conditions to the detriment of others. Consideration will also be given to whether the rules relating to State Aid would apply.

About Section 8 – State Aid

Discretionary rate relief could constitute state aid. However, there are exceptions from the state aid rules where aid is below a de minimis level. The de minimis regulation allows for aid of up to €200,000 to be provided to any enterprise regardless of size, so long as the enterprise has not received excess de minimis aid from any other source in the last three fiscal years.

The ceiling for de minimis aid for undertakings involved in road transport is €100,000 over three fiscal years. De minimis aid cannot be given to enterprises in road haulage operations for the acquisition of road freight transport vehicles.

De minimis aid cannot be given to enterprises in the agriculture sector (with the exception of those active in processing and marketing of agricultural products); to enterprises active in the coal sector; to undertakings in difficulty; or for directly export-related activities.

Records of any de minimis aid given need to be kept for ten years.

To establish whether you are eligible to receive de minimis aid you must declare the full amount of de minimis aid which you have already been granted during the previous two fiscal years and the current fiscal year. Potentially any assistance you may have received from a public body might be de minimis aid. This could be from central, regional or devolved governments or agencies, or a local council. If you are not sure whether or not any public assistance you have received is de minimis aid, please contact the body which granted the assistance for clarification.

For further information on 'de minimis' aid, please go to: <https://www.gov.uk/state-aid>