Local Government Finance Act 1988 - Application for rural rate relief

This form must be completed by a rate payer who wishes to apply for mandatory and/or discretionary rate relief on a property situated in a designated rural settlement within Durham County Council Area.

Please indicate below which type of relief you are applying for:

- [ ] Mandatory Relief
- [ ] Discretionary Relief

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF, PLEASE SEND THE LAST TWO YEARS PROFESSIONALLY PREPARED ACCOUNTS WHEN YOU RETURN THIS FORM. YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.

Questions 1-4 must be answered by ALL applicants.

1) The name and contact address of the applicant.

2) The address of the property for which you are claiming rate relief (if different from one above)

3) Is the property currently in use?  [ ] YES  [ ] NO

4) Please indicate under which category you wish to apply for relief:
(Please select one category only)

   a) Petrol Filling Station
   b) Post Office
   c) Public House
   d) Village/ General Store
   e) Other
Questions 5-9 should only be completed if you wish to apply for discretionary rate relief.

5) Please state briefly how the property is being used for the benefit of the local community.

6) Please state what type of business is run from the premises.

7) Please state number of residents of Durham County Area that you employ.

8) Please outline any reasons why you consider your business is disadvantaged because it is situated in a rural area.

9) Please outline any other information which you wish the council to take into account when considering your application. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED ANY PART OF THIS FORM, YOU MUST SIGN THIS DECLARATION

I certify that the information supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature: ___________________________ Capacity in which signed: ___________________________

Date: ___________________________ Contact Telephone Number: ___________________________

Please return your completed for to: Durham County Council, Revenues and Benefits,
PO BOX 238, Stanley, Co. Durham, DH8 1FP
If you have any queries relating to completion of the form please contact us.

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The information you have provided will be held by the Council on computerized and manual files within the Revenues Department. The data may be disclosed to other departments within the Council or other organisations, but only in order to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation or for identification purposes or to prevent or detect fraud or a crime. Durham County Council is a registered Data Controller in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.