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RURAL RATE RELIEF – APPLICATION FORM (NDRELIEF)

APPLICATION FOR MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF IN RESPECT OF THE NON-DOMESTIC RATING (RURAL SETTLEMENTS) (ENGLAND) ORDER 1997 AS AMENDED SOLE POST OFFICE, GENERAL STORE, PUBLIC HOUSE, OR PETROL FILLING STATION, AND ALL FOOD STORES.

RE:

Name of Ratepayer: _____

Address of Premises where Mandatory/Discretionary Rate Relief is being claimed:

Date from which relief is being claimed: _____

Statement of Visiting Officer to confirm status of premises:

Declaration

I, the undersigned make application for relief from rates in accordance with the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) Order 1997 as amended in respect of the premises detailed above. I will notify the Business Rates section of any changes which may affect my entitlement to rate relief under this scheme and I understand my entitlement may cease if another post office, general store, public house or petrol filling station commences trading within the rural settlement.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Number: (for any queries) _____

Please refer to the Guidance Notes Below

This scheme enables a local authority to grant an automatic 50% mandatory reduction on the rates bill for the sole post office or general store which has a rateable value of not more than £8,500 and for the sole public house or petrol filling station which has a rateable value of not more than £12,500 and which is located within a rural settlement which lies within a rural area designated by the Secretary of State. The authority may also consider granting up to a further 50% discretionary relief to the post office or general store.

In addition, the authority may consider granting up to 100% discretionary relief to any other business in the defined rural settlement with a rateable value up to £16,500 and whose purposes are of benefit to the local community.

The overall intention of the scheme is that, by assisting certain businesses with their non-domestic rates, the amenities available to rural communities are safeguarded and the fabric of village life is preserved. When assessing a business for the award of discretionary relief the Council must consider the interests of the Council Tax payers in the borough as a whole.

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