

APPLICATION FOR RURAL RATE RELIEF

**Local Taxation
Selby District
Council Civic Centre
Doncaster Road
Selby
YO8 9FT**

PROPERTY REF NO.												ACCOUNT NO.											

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes before completion

01757 292181

Name & Address of Business																	
Address of the property if different from above																	
Is your Business	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Yes</th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">No</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a) a food shop?</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>b) the sole General Store / Post Office / Public House / Petrol Filling Station in your village?</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) Operating on land or buildings formerly classed as agricultural land or agricultural buildings?</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Yes	No	a) a food shop?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) the sole General Store / Post Office / Public House / Petrol Filling Station in your village?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Operating on land or buildings formerly classed as agricultural land or agricultural buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Yes	No															
a) a food shop?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>															
b) the sole General Store / Post Office / Public House / Petrol Filling Station in your village?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>															
c) Operating on land or buildings formerly classed as agricultural land or agricultural buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>															
If your shop is a food store/ sole general store, please give brief outline of the goods sold																	
Is there a similar facility in your village	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 45%;"></th> <th style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Yes</th> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">No</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Is there a similar facility in your village</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Do you employ any local residents</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Does the business provide a free local delivery service</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Yes		No	Is there a similar facility in your village	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you employ any local residents	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the business provide a free local delivery service	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes		No														
Is there a similar facility in your village	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>														
Do you employ any local residents	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>														
Does the business provide a free local delivery service	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>														

What service(s) do you provide to the local community	
Please indicate the nearest similar business in miles	
How regular is public transport to your locality	
Please give details of the additional services not connected to the nature of the business that you provide to assist the local community	
Please attach any further details which you feel may support you application	

NB This application must be returned to the above address with your audited accounts and balance sheets for the last 2 years.

NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE ABOVE SUPPORTING INFORMATION

DECLARATION - I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the details given above are correct

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Please print name _____

Explanatory Notes

Rural Rate Relief

There are currently two types of relief available for businesses in rural areas. These are **Mandatory Rural Rate Relief** and **Discretionary Rural Rate Relief** and an outline of the conditions that apply are listed below.

Mandatory Rural Rate Relief (Granted at 50%)

Village Rate Relief

- the property must be located in a **rural settlement** with a population of less than 3,000. A Rural Settlement List for Selby's area is available at the Civic Centre in Selby.
- the property concerned is the **sole** general store or **sole** post office in the settlement and the rateable value does not exceed **£8,500** from 1 April 2010 (**£7,000** prior to 1 April 2010), **or**
- the property concerned is the **sole** public house or **sole** petrol filling station in the settlement and the rateable value does not exceed **£12,500** from 1 April 2010 (**£10,500** prior to 1 April 2010), **or**
- the property concerned is **any** food shop in the settlement and the rateable value does not exceed **£8,500** from 1 April 2010 (**£7,000** prior to 1 April 2010).

A food shop is defined as wholly or mainly selling food on a retail basis for human consumption. The supply of confectionery and of food in the course of catering is **excluded**. Catering is defined as the supply of food for consumption on the premises or of hot food that is eaten off the premises. Therefore such establishments as restaurants, cafes, tea-rooms and fast food shops are **excluded** – but not food shops that sell only small amounts of such items.

A general store is defined as one in which there is carried on a trade or business consisting wholly or mainly of the sale by retail of **both** food for human consumption (excluding confectionery) **and** general household goods.

NB

Relief can be granted to a post office, which is not a general store, and a separate general store in the same settlement. Where a post office also trades as a general store then a second general store in the settlement will not qualify for this relief.

Discretionary Rural Rate Relief

This relief may be granted as a “**top up**” to **Mandatory Rural Rate Relief** or in its own right. The amount of any award is at the discretion of the Council and may be any amount up to 80% of the rates due.

The cost of any award of this relief falls in part on the Council Taxpayers of the District as a whole.

The **criteria** that must be met before an award can be considered are as follows:

- the **property** concerned must be located **in a rural settlement** with a population of less than 3,000;
- the **property** concerned has a **rateable value** of not more than **£16,500** from 1 April 2010 (**£14,000** prior to 1 April 2010);
- the property concerned is used for **purposes** which are of **benefit to the local community** and that the cost to the Council Taxpayer is justified.

Please find below details of the points system for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief

	Percentage Applicable
Starting Point	50
Is there a similar facility or business within the settlement? If so OR Does the business primarily provide an important service to the local community and is it in the interests of local council tax payers to support it? If not,	-50 -100
Employment of Local Residents	+5
Does the business provide a free delivery service to any of the local community?	+5
Proximity to nearest similar business. If 2 miles or more	+15
Poor availability of public transport (buses not available at regular intervals each day, i.e. only geared to school/work hours). (Where relevant the nature of the business)	+15
Opening Hours (if the business is open 7 days for long hours)	+5
Provision of additional services (unconnected to the nature of the business and provided to assist the local community)	+5

If you require any further information, please contact a member of the Local Taxation Section on

**(01757) 292181
or by email on
localtaxation@selby.gov.uk.**

All information supplied will be dealt with in the strictest confidence