

## APPLICATION TO WAIVE A COUNCIL TAX LONG-TERM EMPTY PREMIUM

Chorley Council's policy on Council Tax Local Discounts and Premiums allows, in special circumstances, waiving of the Council Tax Long Term Empty Premium to be considered. A copy of the policy is available at [chorley.gov.uk/counciltax](http://chorley.gov.uk/counciltax)

This application should be completed by the Council Tax payer requesting the premium should be waived then returned to the above address or emailed to [local.tax@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:local.tax@chorley.gov.uk)

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Name of Council Tax Payer:	Primrose Holdings
Council Tax Account Number:	62122545
Property Address:	13 Preston Rd Chorley Lancs
Postcode:	PR7 1PW
Telephone Number:	(01257) 231100
Mobile:	
Email Address:	<a href="mailto:simon@primroseholdings.co.uk">simon@primroseholdings.co.uk</a>
Correspondence Address:	Heys Farm Chapel Lane Heapey Chorley Lancs PR6 8EW

## Please provide details of the special circumstances

### **Background –**

Primrose own the subject property and purchased it with a view to redevelopment, complimenting our adjacent property. A planning application was submitted for redevelopment on 23.10.18 and validated on 29.10.18. The target date for Determination was 28.1.19. During the application process two issues were raised:-

**1. Highways Issues** – Once the planning application had been submitted, consultation letters were quickly sent to LCC re Highways and William Tay responded on 16.11.18 with comments to Iain Crossland (CBC – Planning Dept), which we commented on. Discussions then went backward and forward between Iain, William Tay and myself throughout December and January, lead by me chasing Iain on a regular basis (e.g. - 19.12.18; 7.1.19 and 14.1.19). On 23.1.19 I started liaising directly with William Tay by phone and email to address his issues and this continued through February until William Tay withdrew his objection mid February 2019.

My point being that we have chased this application with Iain Crossland and then directly with the Highways Authority. Every endeavour has been used by this Company to solve the extremely pedantic requirements of Mr Tay. The final drawing approved was actually Revision H, showing the level of commitment and effort we have put into this matter.

**2. Coal Authority** - Bearing in mind the comments above, you will understand our frustration that only on the 13.2.19, more than two weeks after the target Determination Date, I receive an email from Iain Crossland stating that he has received a letter of objection from the Coal Authority. Not only is this beyond the Determination Date and therefore surely out of time, but also on the Planning Portal there is no record of the Coal Authority having been consulted. As a result, we have had to re-engage with the consultants who undertook the ground investigations and ask them to undertake further work. Whilst this is not unreasonable, the fact that first objection from the Coal Authority arrived so late, has meant that the application has been delayed more than two months after the Determination Date.

I think we have demonstrated in (1) above that we have made every effort to address any and all issues raised as quickly as possible with this application but we feel it wholly unreasonable that we are being asked to pay rates on an unoccupied building, due to an objection raised by the Coal Authority more than two weeks after the determination date, which has cost us two months in time.

Your email states that CBC have the discretion to waive the premium and I trust the forgoing proves that this is an unreasonable set of circumstances. We would therefore ask that the rates liability for the first two months of the invoice you have sent us for April 2019 - 2020 is waived.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

**How long should the premium be waived for? Please provide reasons to support this**

**Date From: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

**Date To: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

**Please provide any other information in support of your application (you may attach evidence to support your case)**

**Declaration**

I confirm that the information given on this form is correct. I understand that if my circumstances change, I must inform Chorley Council within 21 days of the change.

This authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. For further information, see [chorley.gov.uk/dataprotection](http://chorley.gov.uk/dataprotection).

I accept the Council's decision is final.

**Signature of applicant**

**Please print the name of the applicant**

**Simon James**

**Date**

**28.3.2019**