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Request:

I would like to ask for a freedom of information request.

I would like to know if any property within the boundary of North Tyneside and especially in the Wideopen / Seaton Burn area have had their Council Tax reduced due to "Noise Pollution" from Air Crafts or aeroplanes which take off and/or land from Newcastle International Airport.

Noise pollution from aeroplanes and aviation pollution from Chemical trails and Condensed trails are obvious areas where residents in the North Tyneside (Wideopen) area have major ongoing problems.

There has been a further increase in passengers flying from Newcastle International Airport. See here: <https://www.insidermedia.com/insider/northeast/passenger-numbers-up-at-newcastle-airport>

Other areas of the United Kingdom offer reductions in Council Tax payments for this pollution and I would like to know if North Tyneside have the ability to offer their residents this.

Response

I can confirm that there have been no properties within the boundary of North Tyneside that have had their Council Tax reduced due to "noise pollution" from aircraft or aeroplanes taking off or landing at Newcastle International Airport.

There is no record of any other local authority in the United Kingdom offering a discount in Council Tax payable due to aircraft noise or pollution.

I have checked with the Environmental Services Team and there have been no reports of any environmental issues due to chemical or condensed trails.

There have been five recorded instances of residents complaining about aircraft noise in the last twelve months. Four of the residents residing in the Forest Hall area. There is no record of major ongoing problems in Wideopen.

North Tyneside Council do have a discretionary relief scheme for Council Tax which can be considered in exceptional circumstances only, as all other Council Tax payers have to bear the cost of any such award.

There is one avenue you can pursue and this is to ask the Valuation Office Agency (part of HM Revenue & Customs) to review the Council Tax Band which is allocated to your property. It is the VOA that determines a property's banding not the local authority.

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If you feel the increase in air traffic has led to a devaluing of your property, then you can ask to have the Council Tax band reviewed.

You can obtain details of how to do this at the Valuation Office Agency website which is www.gov.uk/voa/contact

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