



Ribble Valley  
Borough Council

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**Application for Council Tax Flood  
Discount  
Storms Ciara and Dennis 2020**

Name of Council Tax payer:

Council Tax Account Ref No:

Address of property flooded:

Telephone No:

Email Address:

Date property flooded:

Details of flood damage and length of expected absence from the property:

Address of Temporary Accommodation: NB Must be in Ribble Valley to be eligible for Council Tax discount on temporary accommodation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Council Tax Flooding Discount Scheme

## Storms Ciara and Dennis 2020

*This scheme applies where domestic properties have been flooded as a result of Storm Ciara and/or Storm Dennis in the Ribble Valley.*

### 1. How much council tax discount will I get and who is eligible?

- 100% Council Tax discount for a minimum of 3 months, or while anyone is unable to return home if longer, for primary residences where:
  - Flood water entered into the **habitable areas**; or
  - Flood water did not enter into the habitable areas, but the local authority regards that the residence was otherwise considered **unliveable** for any period of time.

#### **AND**

- 100% Council Tax discount on temporary accommodation for anyone unable to return to their home, in parallel with the discount on their primary residence where applicable. NB This discount will only apply where the temporary accommodation is in the Ribble Valley.

1.1. Second homes will **not** be eligible

1.2. Empty homes will **not** be eligible

1.3. Instances where households might be considered **unliveable** could include:

- where access to the property is severely restricted (e.g. upper floor flats with no access);
- key services such as sewerage, draining, and electricity are severely affected;
- the adverse weather has resulted in other significant damage to the property such that it would be, or would have been, advisable for residents to vacate the premises for any period of time, regardless of whether they do vacate or not;
- flooded gardens or garages will not usually render a household eligible but there may be exceptions where it could be demonstrated that such instances mean effectively that the property is unliveable.

1.4. Where a property is affected by flooding as a result of both Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis, the two discount periods will run concurrently.

### 2. Properties that are unoccupied for more than 3 months

2.1. A 100% Council Tax discount will apply to all properties that have been flooded or rendered unliveable due to the flooding and which remain unoccupied for more than 3 months as a result of the flooding.

- The discount will apply for the period the property remains unoccupied and unliveable
- The discount will cease on reoccupation of the premises.
- An application to extend the discount beyond 3 months will be required to be made to Ribble Valley Borough Council.

2.2. This also applies to any parallel discount that has been applied where residents have been required to move into temporary accommodation.

**How to apply?** An application will need to be made by the Council Tax payer that demonstrates that the property is eligible for this discount. Further information/evidence may be required from the Council Tax payer before awarding the discount.

## **Data Protection - Fair Processing Notice**

Ribble Valley Borough Council will use the information you provide for the administration of flood recovery grants and discounts. The information you provide will only be used for the specified purpose for which you have given it or for purposes that are compatible with that. Any personal data you have given us will not be passed to third parties for commercial purposes. Further details see [www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/privacy\\_notice](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/privacy_notice) or contact our Data Protection Officer on 01200 425111 or email [dataprotection@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@ribblevalley.gov.uk)