



Name of ratepayer:

Account Ref No:

Address of property application relates to:

Telephone No:

Email Address:

Date property flooded:

Flood damage experienced and consequences to business (Please detail). NB Please specify if the property has been unoccupied for any time.

Will this award comply with the EU law on state aid on the basis that, including this award, you shall not receive more than €200,000 in total of de minimis and within the current financial year or the previous two financial years. The de minimis regulations EC 1407/2013 (as published in the official journal of the European Union L352 24.12.2013) can be downloaded at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:352:0001:0008:EN:PDF> **YES/NO**

I confirm that:

- 1 I am authorised to sign on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of undertaking) and
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (name of undertaking) shall not exceed the de minimis threshold by accepting this Flood Relief.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Business Rate Flood Relief Scheme Storms Ciara and Dennis 2020

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

### How much Business Rate Relief will I receive and who is eligible?

1. 100% rate relief will be granted for a minimum of three months, or until the business restarts trading from the property if longer, up to state aid de minimis levels, for those hereditaments which meet the following criteria:

#### For any day:

- the hereditament was **directly impacted** by Storm Ciara and/or Dennis – for instance flood damage to the property, equipment, and/or stock; **or**; the business **could not function** due to lack of access to premises; equipment and or/stock as a result of Storm Ciara and/or Dennis, **and no alternatives were available**.

#### **AND**

- on that day business activity undertaken at the hereditament was adversely affected as a result; and
  - on that day the rateable value of the hereditament was less than £10 million.
2. The scheme applies to all types and uses of non-domestic hereditaments (other than those occupied by major preceptors).
  3. In considering whether the business actively has been adversely affected, we will consider the impact of the flooding in the full context of all business activity undertaken at the hereditament. Very small or insignificant impact will not be considered for the purposes of this scheme.
  4. This policy only covers impacts of Storm Ciara and/or Dennis and not, for instance water damage caused by failure of a water main, internal water systems or failure of a sewerage system (unless the failure was itself caused by the adverse weather conditions).
  5. Ratepayers will be required to apply for the relief and to provide details of the adverse effect of the flooding upon their business. Ratepayers will also be required to confirm that the award of relief will not cause state aid limits to be exceeded.
  6. The relief will apply for three months. A fresh application can be made if the business is not trading from the premises after three months, which will be considered by the Council.
  7. Where a hereditament has been flooded more than once and business activities are adversely impacted, only one period of 3 months relief will be granted and this will be effective from the first date on which the above criteria were met.

### Empty Properties

8. The scheme does not cover relief for any hereditament which was empty at the time it was flooded as there was no business activity on the premises at the time. Where a hereditament becomes empty after the flood then it will receive the normal 3 or 6 months (as applicable) empty property rate free period or will continue to receive the balance of the flooding relief.

### Change of ratepayer, splits, mergers, and changes to existing hereditaments

9. Relief will continue following a change in ratepayer. Where a new hereditament is created as a result of a split or merger of a hereditament that for the day prior to the split or merger met the criteria for this relief, relief will continue for the remaining balance. If a hereditament is removed from the list, as a result of Storm Ciara and/or Dennis, and subsequently returns to the list within the three-month period it will be eligible for the balance of relief remaining.

**How to apply?** An application will need to be made by the Business Rate payer that demonstrates that the business is eligible for this discount. Further information/evidence may be required from the Business Rate 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)