

4. Written Responses – Questions

The Government's Proposal

1) Do you agree, in principle, that vacant non-household properties should be charged for water, sewerage and drainage services?

Yes No

Comments – Definately should not be charged sewage as the property is vacant there would be no foul use.

2) Do you agree that water and sewerage charges for vacant properties should be the same as those for occupied properties regardless of the reason for the vacant status?

Yes No

Comments – This is another burden being imposed on property owners who have already seen the value of their assets eroded, it is a constant uphill battle to ensure that properties are maintained properly while they are vacant and insurance and rates are all an expense that we accept must be made

Charges – Drainage Services

3) Do you agree that drainage charges should be the same as those for occupied properties?

Yes No

Comments – There is no usage of water on the property so there should be no charges applied

Timetable for introduction

4) Do you agree that the current exemption should be removed from 1 April 2017?

Yes No

Comments – We as commercial property owners and developers are completely against any plans to impose charges on vacant properties. No company builds commercial property expecting it to lie vacant however there is always a natural churn and this would be a highly controversial and unjust charge