

Request 7407 – Tax and revenues, business rates, Covid-19

(SCDC) Airport Business Rates During Covid 19 Crisis

I am writing to you on behalf of SASIG (the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group) of the Local Government Association. SASIG has been asked by the LGA to coordinate the collation of an evidence base on how the question of claims in relation to Business Rates relief by Airports affected by COVID-19 are being handled given that they fall outside the exemption for full relief in Government legislation and Treasury Guidance on the virus has allowed other travel and hospitality businesses. We are aware for example of airports seeking to delay payment of Business Rates, of others asking for full relief of payment for an agreed period (as has been allowed in Scotland and Northern Ireland), and in some cases even that S44 applications have been submitted.

Response

We do not have an airport within the area covered by South Cambridgeshire District Council.