

From Mrs R Gill, Hereford

My husband and I, and my twin boys currently live with my mother. We have been classed as Silver on the homepoint scheme for four years. There is a possibility that we may be given a piece of land to build our own home, therefore relieving the Council of our housing need burden. However with the section 106 agreement contribution which has been brought in this would mean we would have to find about £20,000 for our four bedroom house.

In view of the current economic climate, mortgage and housing shortages and approaching a recession, does the administration think that it is morally right to impose this "roof tax" on first time buyers like myself on one plus dwellings, especially when it was contrary to your own officers' recommendations? Also with the present construction industry redundancies, does the administration realise the impact this decision is having on small building firms?

I know it is being said that the money is for the extra burden being put on local schools and libraries etc., but as I am already living in the area no extra impact is being made, and will under five dwellings really make that much of an impact?