

PLOT RENTAL CONCESSIONS

12 October 2019

Haringey Council will shortly be sending all tenants a letter inviting application for available rental concessions, plus any changes of address. Deadline for return of the information is 29 November 2019.

WHO CAN GET A CONCESSION?

Concessionary plot rental rates (50% reduction) are ONLY available to invoiced tenants living in the Borough of Haringey, and who are receiving or are about to receive state pension or state benefits. No concessions are available to out-of-borough tenants. If you live outside Haringey, there is no need to read the rest of this document as you cannot receive a concessionary rental.

IN HARINGEY AND ALREADY RECEIVING STATE PENSION AND A CONCESSION?

Haringey tenants receiving **State Pension** who are already receiving a 50% rent concession in 2019 do not need to send any further proofs of entitlement.

HARINGEY TENANT AND ALREADY RECEIVING STATE BENEFITS AND A CONCESSION?

Unlike for state pension, recipients of state benefits have to provide annual proofs of eligibility every November to keep getting the concession (see below).

WHAT STATE BENEFITS ENTITLE HARINGEY TENANTS TO A CONCESSIONARY RATE?

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP), which will gradually replace the DLA.
- Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit (which will eventually replace the following; Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance and Working Tax Credit)

HARINGEY TENANTS WISHING TO REGISTER A NEW 50% CONCESSION

If you consider you have recently become eligible for a 50% plot rental concession, either because you are now eligible to receive State Pension, or because you are now in receipt of one of the State Benefits listed above, you MUST send a copy of an up-to-date letter from the Pensions Service, Dept of Work and Pensions or HMRC (clearly showing your name, address and the type of pension/benefit) to Haringey Council (see below) BEFORE November 29th 2019, otherwise your 2020 rental invoice may be at the full 100% rate. NB for joint tenants, the letter must refer to the tenant receiving the invoice.

WHERE DO I SEND COPIES OF MY ELIGIBILITY LETTERS?

If you can scan the relevant Pensions/DWP/HMRC letter, email it to allotment.enquiries@haringey.gov.uk with a brief email stating your full name, that it is a new concession, that you are a Highgate tenant and give your plot number. If you cannot email a scan, you must send a copy of the letter by post (with covering note as above) to:

Mr Emi Mehmet, Allotment Co-Ordinator,
Parks and Open Spaces team, Level 1 North, River Park House, 225 High Road, London, N22 8QH

IS ANYTHING UNCLEAR?

If you are still confused email me in the first instance at highgateallotments@outlook.com.
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