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PAGE 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION

<b>Q1: Please tell us a little about yourself</b>	
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<b>Q2: Would you be happy to be approached by the Commission for further discussion about your submission?</b>	Yes
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<b>Q3: Do you consider yourself or your organisation as from or representing?</b>	an area with both urban and rural parts
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<b>Q4: I am responding as an:</b>	An individual

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<b>Q5: You have indicated that you are responding as an individual. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public on the Commission's web site?</b>	Yes
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**Q6: If you have agreed to your response being made available to the public, please tell us if we may also make your name and address available.**

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

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**Q7: You have indicated that you are responding on behalf of an organisation. The name and address of your organisation will be made public on the Commission's web site. Are you content for your response to also be made available?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q8: Which of the following best describes your organisation?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q9: Please provide a short description of the main purpose of your organisation.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

PAGE 6: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

**Q10: CURRENT SYSTEM OF COUNCIL TAX: To what extent does the current system of council tax deliver a fair and effective system of local taxation in Scotland? Are there any features of the current system that you wish to see retained or changed? Please illustrate your answer with any examples from your own experience.**

Council Tax is disproportionate to ability to pay and is one of the largest costs to the public. The whole system requires reinvestigation because there is a better system which could have been introduced previously - see below.  
Retain the concession for single occupancy.

The Poll Tax system could have been a success had the Government of the day operated a system of - ability to pay - this would be based on income. The Tax could be band based - determined by income - which would basically mean all people would contribute towards the costs of the community .

**Q11: REFORM OF LOCAL TAXATION: Are there alternatives to the current system of council tax that you think would help to reform local taxation in Scotland? What are the main features of these, and why do you think they would deliver improvement? Do you have any examples of why this is the case?**

The Poll Tax system, rejected previously, could have operated successfully had the Government of the day operated a system on - ability to pay - which would be based on income. Include all people earning. Poll Tax - but perhaps better called a local tax - increased in bands so that all people contribute - based on means - to the cost of running the local society.

Recommended Rates based on income (not on type of residence) because fair to assume property would reflect the income means of the occupier :

Rate -	1%	up to earnings of £	11,000
	2%	"	£ 25,000
	3%	"	£ 50,000
	4%	"	£ 75,000
	5%	"	£100,000

Further bands to be determined fairly and not too unreasonably against the well-off !

**Q12: LOCAL PRIORITIES: How well do you think that communities' local priorities are accounted for in the way that local taxation operates at the moment? If there is room for improvement, how should things change? Do you have any ideas or examples about how this could improve people's lives?**

Councils should cost their budgets just as individuals have to, too much spent on pet projects.

They insist in promoting more house building to generate more income yet do not spend on infrastructure and seriously damage the quality of the environment and quality of previous residents life style !!

They encourage more incumbents yet the area is becoming over populated for the facilities currently available forcing services to unreasonable costing's.

Council taken over control of parking yet allow public to flout double yellow lines law so that public can shop in town - they ignore the law of the land and contribute to the potential of serious lethal accidents but do not care - points raised and ignored.

**Q13: FURTHER INFORMATION: We would like to keep the conversation going. Please tell us about any events, networks or other ways in which we could help achieve this.**

Sorry not on Facebook/Twitter etc and only have e-mail or 'phone !

Thank you for opportunity of expressing my opinion as stated previously I truly believe the Poll Tax would have been successful had the Government adopted a formula based on ability to pay and pay within the occupants means !!!