

[Example letter to be adapted and sent to a Council]

Your name
address and
postcode

Councillor _____,
_____ Council,
address and
postcode

Date: / /

Notice of criminal liability for demanding, collecting and paying tax

Dear Councillor _____,

I received your council tax demand, but before I consent to pay it, I need clarification on the meaning and operation of the law relating to the collection and payment of council taxes.

I was informed recently that Parliament made it a criminal offence in Britain in 2000¹ and 2001² for a person to provide money to another person or organisation if he or she knows or suspects that some of it may be used for purposes that endanger or take human life.

At the same time I learnt that the Council pays all the money it receives (taxes, parking fees, rents etc.) into Parliament's Consolidated Fund and that some of this money is then used by HM Government for criminal military and medical purposes, which have injured or killed more than 4 million people in the Middle East and Britain over the past twenty years.

Lastly I was warned that if I pay money to you, HMRC or to a UK public authority, knowing that it is a crime to do so, I can be prosecuted, punished and imprisoned for aiding and abetting genocide and crimes against humanity or fundraising for the purposes of terrorism.

This is extremely worrying. Before I pay any further taxes I need to know if this information is true and in what circumstances taxpayers are duty bound in law to withhold tax.

If my informant is mistaken and the Courts rule that tax is excluded from the offences in the Terrorism Act 2000 and the International Criminal Court Act 2001³ and the actions of Parliament and HM Government are lawful and in full accord with the UN Declaration on Principles of International Law, I will of course resume payments of all lawful tax demands.

I enclose a copy of the article that alerted me to these crimes. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: *When is it a crime to collect or pay tax?*

¹ The Terrorism Act 2000 sections 15 – 18

² The International Criminal Court Act 2001 sections 51 and 52

³ or the International Criminal Court (Scotland) Act 2001 sections 1 and 2