I have very strong objections to the imposition of additional charges for direct debit.

-- on the basis that until now payment by cheque has been a valid and legal method of payment, and no-one should have to pay to pay by this valid method. This makes payment by cheque similar to payment by another currency - for which a commision would be charged.

----on the basis that payment by direct debit gives a company access to my bank account to take payments that they see fit, and the onus is on me to take action if I do not agree with their assessment.