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I am objecting to the application to raise our rates above the maximum allowed increase and especially the fact this would then become the new base rate. Like many ratepayers I am on a fixed income and will have to make savings somewhere else to pay for this. The council should first look to find savings internally, starting with its car fleet which is something very few councils feel the need to run. I suggest if the council cannot live within its budget it should drop ambitious plans and just concentrate on the basic things we expect from a council and leave the empire building to those with the means to do so. Let's not forget the ratepayers do not have the easy option of asking for more money they are forced to budget.

pay for this increase.