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Submission: I think it it totally unnecessary for a council who has already proven to be running In a continued budget surplus to increase rates by 7% p.a. Claiming they need to, to be able continue to upgrade the area is a load of rubbish. They have maintained this area for aslong as they have been in council without any sort of rate hike like this. A small percentage rise is understandable (1-2% a year inline with CPI) but 7% a year is ludicrous. Surely commonsense will prevail...