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Submission: Like many businesses and particularly pharmacies we have experienced a 10% decrease in both turnover and profitability in the last 12 months any rate increase would be directly payable by myself a business that rents its premises while I recognise that a rate increase spent in an appropriate manner may boost the local economy I feel that a more modest rate increase would also provide these benefits while not overburdening local businesses I am against the proposed 46.9% rate increase but would be in favour of a 30% increase