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Submission: I disagree with this special variation. The council was disingenuous with it's consultation, both with the timing and with the information given. It was conducted over the Christmas holidays when many of the ratepayers were not around to respond. The information provided in the pack did not clearly state the duration of the special variation, or enough detail about the projects 'investigate feasibility and options' etc. Only a small percentage of ratepayers demonstrated a favourable response to the council's preferred option and the response rate was less than 5%. The council skewed the argument by strongly advocating its preferred outcome. Council also is creeping its scope by stating it will underground power lines - this is not their responsibility, this belongs to the power infrastructure and they should be lobbying them to do it, not getting rate payers to fund this aesthetic, non-essential project.