



TRIM (C/15/3492) rate capping
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To the Honourable Minister Robin Scott Mp

I read with interest that an enquiry is to be held into the local government rates. There this a topic of great concern to me as a ratepayer, I would like to express my experiences and council's resistance to rates capping of any description.

As council budgets are planned, this start with how much money is required to do what we, as councillors, LIKE to do. Whereas a proper budgets start with how much money is available, and how to disperse this money in the most efficient manner.

Having said this, being an old age pensioner, with an income controlled by a Government and thus coupled to the CPI index, find it hard to understand that local government, also in some way controlled, can increase their income (my rates) by a staggering 13.1% the last financial year (2014-2015).

If this allowed to keep going it is possible I might have to sell up and move to ??

May I also point out that living in a retirement village, we the residents, are rated the same as the wider community on normal salaries, thus reaping a small fortune for the local councils due to smaller allotments.

It would please me very much if the result of this enquiry could curtail the aggressive behaviour of our local government.

With Regards Jacobus van Bakel
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