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Hello Council,

Imagine two neighbours and one neighbour insists to the other that "they have to pay to fix the infrastructure in between the houses".

Imagine the neighbour's shock, after being forced to pay 'for infrastructure renewal', upon finding out the neighbour actually spent the money on their buddy's mortgage, and no infrastructure was ever fixed.

The aggrieved neighbour would be filing a police report asking for theft or fraud charges to be laid.

That neighbour is the Hamilton taxpayer, who this council has insisted pay additional taxes every year as a Special Levy and then completely ignores the policy (that council passed!) and the terms and conditions for spending the money (that council passed!).

Policy FCS12024 is almost 10 years old and monies should only be spent from it if it can conform to the policy, and then direction should be given to the City Auditor to review and report back on the efficacy of the Area Rating Special Capital Re-investment Policy, since its inception.

Did \$150 million dollars of infrastructure really get fixed?

regards, gabriel nicholson