

**From:** [Susan Sales](#)  
**To:** [Tom Biggin](#); [Pieter Mans](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request  
**Date:** Monday, 19 December 2022 1:43:00 pm  
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I understand that there is a path at the top of the stopbank, with adequate signage. And there is also a path on the flood plain itself (below the stop bank) that does not have adequate signage. Is this correct?

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**From:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 December 2022 11:06 am  
**To:** Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Susan Sales <[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hmmm, OK, thanks. Earlier in the letter we respond to another question as follows:

**“When will clear and complete signage be placed to make clear the off-leash exclusion areas?”**

There are clear signs on the sealed pathway on top of the riverbank advising that all dogs must be on a leash.”

I’m not sure if these two responses hang together OK do they? I’m just pondering how it will land with Rod and I’d imagine he’ll jump on that?

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**From:** Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 December 2022 10:48 AM  
**To:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Susan Sales <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
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Hi Tom

I guess that we do acknowledge that there is a lack of signage. Currently, there aren’t any signs that I am aware of, do you think we should change the sentence?

Thanks

Pieter

**Pieter Mans**

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**From:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 10:45 AM

**To:** Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Susan Sales <[xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Sorry, just got to this now.

The only sentence that I struggled with was this one: "The Council will place signage along the sealed footpaths in the dog exercise areas on the flood plain". Are we acknowledging here that there is a lack of signage? And that we're going to put up more then?

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**From:** Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 15 December 2022 8:43 AM

**To:** Susan Sales <[xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

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Hi Susan

Thanks, it looks good to me, over to Tom.

Pieter

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**From:** Susan Sales <[xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 3:52 PM  
**To:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Tom, would you like to look over the draft response to this LGOIMA?

Pieter, draft response fyi

Ngā mihi

**Susan Sales**

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**From:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 December 2022 11:26 am  
**To:** Susan Sales <[xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

OK, thanks Susan

I will have a look ASAP and let you know if I need to get input from others

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**From:** Susan Sales <[xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 December 2022 11:24 AM  
**To:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
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**From:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Bradley Cato <[xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Information Management Team <[xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hi Pieter

How are you going with this? This matter has significance for RiverLink so I'm keen to be involved in the response and I'm likely to need to involve some of the wider RiverLink project team.

Tom

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**From:** Information Management Team <[xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 December 2022 10:21 AM  
**To:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Bradley Cato <[xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hi Tom. [REDACTED]

Pieter Mans is doing some work on Rod Badcock's request. I know he has asked the GIS team for some info.

It is my expectation that our response to Rod will need to be extended, but I will wait and see what Pieter can provide for the response before I take this action.

Susan

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**From:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 December 2022 5:32 pm  
**To:** Susan Sales <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Cc:** Bradley Cato <[xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hi Susan

Just wondering how you are going with this one?

Tom

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**From:** Tom Biggin

**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 November 2022 11:12 AM

**To:** Susan Sales <[xxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Cc:** Bradley Cato <[xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Thanks Susan

This query has significance in the context of the RiverLink consent. Once you have a draft through please can you pass it on to me. I'll need to put it in front of the RiverLink team before we issue.

Brad is aware of the context and have copied him in here

Thanks

Tom

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**From:** Susan Sales <[xxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 November 2022 11:07 AM

**To:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Thanks Tom.

Yes, we have already received this LGOIMA from Rod and I am working on the response with Parks and with Animal Services. I will involve HCC lawyers in my response too.

We had suggested Rod also contact GW as parts of the riverbank are under its management not ours.

We can respond only for the bits that are under HCC management. But GW has said the request isn't relevant to them so only HCC will respond with the info it has.

Kind regards, Susan

Ngā mihi

**Susan Sales**

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**From:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Sent:** Monday, 28 November 2022 9:42 am

**To:** Susan Sales <[xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hi Susan

This one has come through to me via a RiverLink colleague in GW. We need to be careful with our response to this and test with our legal advisers before responding again. I'm not sure who in HCC is most knowledgeable about Dog Control Bylaws and paths but would be worth discussing with them. The previous query I'd fielded was as attached. I think GW may be correct that this is a HCC issue rather than a GW one, see my commentary below.

Tom

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**From:** Tom Biggin  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 November 2022 9:34 AM  
**To:** Tracy Berghan <[xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Rod James <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hi Tracy

I'd not seen this one prior to now. I had seen – and responded to – the previous query asking about the GIS but that was pretty straightforward. I wonder if someone may have thought it should be a referral to GW because of land ownership and/or path maintenance maybe, not sure. I think it's a crossover issue between HCC and RiverLink. I'll raise it with Susan so she understands the context of the court hearing but get others in HCC to prepare the facts before we perhaps test with legal.

Tom

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**From:** Tracy Berghan <[xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 November 2022 9:10 AM  
**To:** Tom Biggin <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Rod James <[xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hi

Before I do anything with this – this has been referred by HCC to GW. Personally I think it's a HCC issue – but could be covered off as a RiverLink issue – which obviously needs some thinking about as it's an individual response anyway but would then be coordinated

What do you think ?

Tracy



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**From:** Tracy Berghan  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 November 2022 9:05 am  
**To:** Wayne O'Donnell <Wayne.O'xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx>; Graeme Campbell <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information Access Request

Sorry Wayne

I don't think this should be a transfer – unless it about RiverLink and then it will have to go through the lawyers I think.

I can ask David Allan what he thinks

Tracy



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**From:** Wayne O'Donnell <Wayne.O'xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 November 2022 8:44 am  
**To:** Tracy Berghan <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx>; Graeme Campbell <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** FW: Official Information Access Request

Morena,

I've asked Amanda to ensure this is logged as an OIA – essentially a transfer from HCC which they have not done correctly!

**Note the date – 18 Nov yet it has not been logged in our system. Amanda investigating. What this means, however is that we only have a short time to respond.**

From reading the request, it appears this gent has been involved in the RiverLink Environment Court process?

It is unclear to me what type of detailed response we can provide re dog restricted areas as I thought these were exclusively under HCC bylaws or do we have such areas in the FMP?

Nga mihi  
Wayne

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**From:** Quentin Duthie <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 November 2022 7:18 am  
**To:** Wayne O'Donnell <Wayne.O'xxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Official Information Access Request

Kia ora Wayne

Rod copied me into this LGOIMA request. I assume it is being looked at by Flood Protection and that I will be copied into the response?

Thanks, Quentin

Quentin Duthie  
Greater Wellington Regional Councillor

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**From:** Rod Badcock <[xxx@xxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxx@xxxxxxx.xxx)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2022 2:39 PM  
**To:** Info <[xxxx@xx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx@xx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Quentin Duthie <[xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** Official Information Access Request

Dear Sir / Madam,

An OIA has been lodged at: <https://fyi.org.nz/request/21128-off-leash-dog-exercise-policy-and-safety-on-shared-paths>

And attached here as a PDF.

HCC have responded that:

"Please note that some of the Hutt River bank area is under the control of Greater Wellington Regional Council. Accordingly, we recommend that you direct your enquiry to Greater Wellington Regional Council, as Hutt City Council will not be able to respond on its behalf."

Please consider that this is an official access request (in accordance with HCC direction) to GW, and I would be grateful if you were able to respond at the FYI.org request also:

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/21128-off-leash-dog-exercise-policy-and-safety-on-shared-paths>

Many thanks

Rod

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14 December 2022

Rod Badcock

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Tēnā koe Rod

### **Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 15 November 2022, as follows:

1. *When was the GIS map released that shows this incorrect designation of off-leash dog exercise on sealed paths?*
2. *How many requests, and when, have HCC had about the status of off-leash dog exercise areas in sealed path locations of the Hutt River?*
3. *Why are the off-leash dog walking exclusion areas not clearly identified as per 2015 Bylaw?*
4. *When will clear and complete signage be placed to make clear the off-leash exclusion areas?*
5. *What advice (and when) has HCC given to members of the public, or official responses, about status of off-leash dog exercise areas and the sealed paths on the Hutt River?*
6. *What incidents with off-leash dogs, and how many, are HCC aware of on sealed paths on the Hutt River?*
7. *Will HCC enact the 2015 bylaw and remove all shared cycling / walking paths as being off-leash dog exercise areas on safety grounds?*

These questions are answered below:

#### **When was the GIS map released that shows this incorrect designation of off-leash dog exercise on sealed paths?**

When the GIS map was released, the only sealed paths were those on the stop banks from Reynolds Bach Drive to Port Road.

Further, when the Dog Exercise Areas were first defined in 2015 there were only 3 categories available, these being (a) dog exercise areas, (b) dog prohibition areas and (c) dog exercise and prohibition areas.

Cycle paths and walkways were shown for interest but there were no specific conditions attached to them.

In 2017, a designated on-leash walking path was added specifically for Avalon Park, shown below:



**How many requests, and when, has the Council had about the status of off-leash dog exercise areas in sealed path locations of the Hutt River?**

With the exception of your correspondence, Hutt City Council has not received any official information requests about this matter in the past 12 months.

We are unable to answer your question for queries of an informal nature, as these are not recorded.

**Why are the off-leash dog-walking exclusion areas not clearly identified as per the 2015 bylaw?**

The off-leash dog-walking exclusion areas are identified in the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and also on the Council's website.

<b>2. DOG EXERCISE AREAS</b>	
<b>2.11 Hutt River banks</b>	
<b>Area</b>	<b>Entrances</b>
Eastern Bank from entrance of Stokes Valley south to White Line West	Eastern Hutt Road, High Street, Taita Drive, Harcourt Werry Drive, River Bank car park, Market Grove, St Albans Grove, Whites Line West
Hutt Riverbank	From Reynolds Bach Drive to Port Road but when using the sealed pathway on top of the riverbank all dogs must be on a leash.
Western bank from Manor Park Road to Benmore Crescent extension.	Benmore Crescent, Western Hutt Road, Manor Park Road.
Kennedy Good Bridge south to Firth's Industrial Plant	Kennedy Good Bridge, Melling Bridge
Firth's Industrial Park south to Ava Park	Melling Bridge, Ava Park

**When will clear and complete signage be placed to make clear the off-leash exclusion areas?**

There are clear signs on the sealed pathway on top of the riverbank advising that all dogs must be on a leash.

All other paths/areas were identified by the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 as dog exercise areas.

**What advice (and when) has HCC given to members of the public, or official responses, about status of off-leash dog exercise areas and the sealed paths on the Hutt River?**

The current advice is published on the Hutt City Council website at:  
<https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/services/dogs/dog-exercise-areas>.

No official information requests have been received on this matter in the past 12 months.

**What incidents with off-leash dogs, and how many, is HCC aware of on sealed paths on the Hutt River?**

Hutt City Council does not record these incidents.

**Will HCC enact the 2015 bylaw and remove all shared cycling / walking paths as being off-leash dog exercise areas on safety grounds?**

The Council will place signage along the sealed footpaths in the dog exercise areas on the flood plain.



The Dog Control Bylaw 2015 is scheduled for revision in 2025.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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**From:** [Information Management Team](#)  
**To:** [Pieter Mans](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths  
**Date:** Friday, 9 December 2022 3:19:00 pm  
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Wonderful, thank you.

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**From:** Pieter Mans <xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 December 2022 10:05 am  
**To:** Information Management Team <xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Cc:** Derek Kerite <xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi Susan

Here is our reply.

Thanks

Pieter

1. When was the GIS map released that shows this incorrect designation of off-leash dog exercise on sealed paths?

When the GIS map was released the only sealed paths were on the stop banks from Reynolds Bach Drive to Port Road and when the Dog Exercise Areas were first defined in 2015 there were only the 3 categories:

Dog Exercise Area,  
Dog Prohibition Area and  
Dog Exercise and Prohibition Area

Cyclepath / Walkways were shown for interest but there were no specific conditions attached to them.

The Designated on-leash walking path was added in 2017 specifically for Avalon Park:

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2. How many requests, and when, have HCC had about the status of off-leash dog exercise areas in sealed path locations of the Hutt River?

We do not keep a record of this as there is no specific address alongside the Hutt River to log an inquiry to.

3. Why are the off-leash dog walking exclusion areas not clearly identified as per 2015 Bylaw?

The off-leash dog walking exclusion areas are identified as per the 2015 bylaw and it is also on the HCC website.

<b>2. DOG EXERCISE AREAS</b>	
<b>2.11 Hutt River banks</b>	
<b>Area</b>	<b>Entrances</b>
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4. When will clear and complete signage be placed to make clear the off-leash exclusion areas?

There are clear signs on the sealed pathway on top of the riverbank that all dogs must be on a leash. All other paths/areas were identified by the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 as dog exercise areas.



5. What advice (and when) has HCC given to members of the public, or official responses, about status of off-leash dog exercise areas and the sealed paths on the Hutt River?

The advice can be found on the Hutt City Council website at <https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/services/dogs/dog-exercise-areas>.

6. What incidents with off-leash dogs, and how many, are HCC aware of on sealed paths on the Hutt River?

We do not keep a record of this as there is no specific address alongside the Hutt River to log an inquiry to.

7. Will HCC enact the 2015 bylaw and remove all shared cycling / walking paths as being off-leash dog exercise areas on safety grounds?

No, the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 will only be revised in 2025, however, HCC will place signs along the sealed footpaths on the flood plane dog exercise areas



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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 10:05 AM

To: Pieter Mans [xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx); Kelly Crandle [xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)

Subject: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths





h. (the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally; i. the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; j. the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; "

It should be noted that in the Riverlink Environment Court judgement the following observations were made (para 256) with respect to paths through a dog park:

"But to place an unfenced cycle path in any area specifically designated as a dog playing/exercise area is to knowingly impose a raised risk for all users - the cyclists, the dogs, and their owners. The separation of the areas of such incompatible activities requires attention in the design of the project, and perhaps also in the consent conditions. Conditions should be amended appropriately"

I was therefore surprised to find that the HCC GIS specifically shows the shared paths (excluded from off-leash) as being off-leash exercise areas: <https://huttcity.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=b5676ec4c47744bc946016e8bd157eb8>

This is also shown in the attached image. Off-leash areas are quite clearly shown in the exclusion areas:

I raised a question with councillors about the GIS maps not being correct – as this is obviously not the case according to Council own information. The response was from Tom Biggin, Project Manager - Riverlink is as follows:

"In response to your question the Council's (and its partners) response was set out in, and the issue addressed in, the memorandum provided to the Court for RiverLink provided to you, all parties and the Court on 30 September 2022. The Court has responded on 21 October ahead of their final decision."

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I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

Rod Badcock

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## Susan Sales

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**Sent:** Monday, 5 December 2022 4:09 pm  
**To:** John Floyd  
**Cc:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne; Information Management Team  
**Subject:** FW: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths  
**Attachments:** HCC LGOIMA Dog Walking.pdf

Hi John

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Pieter

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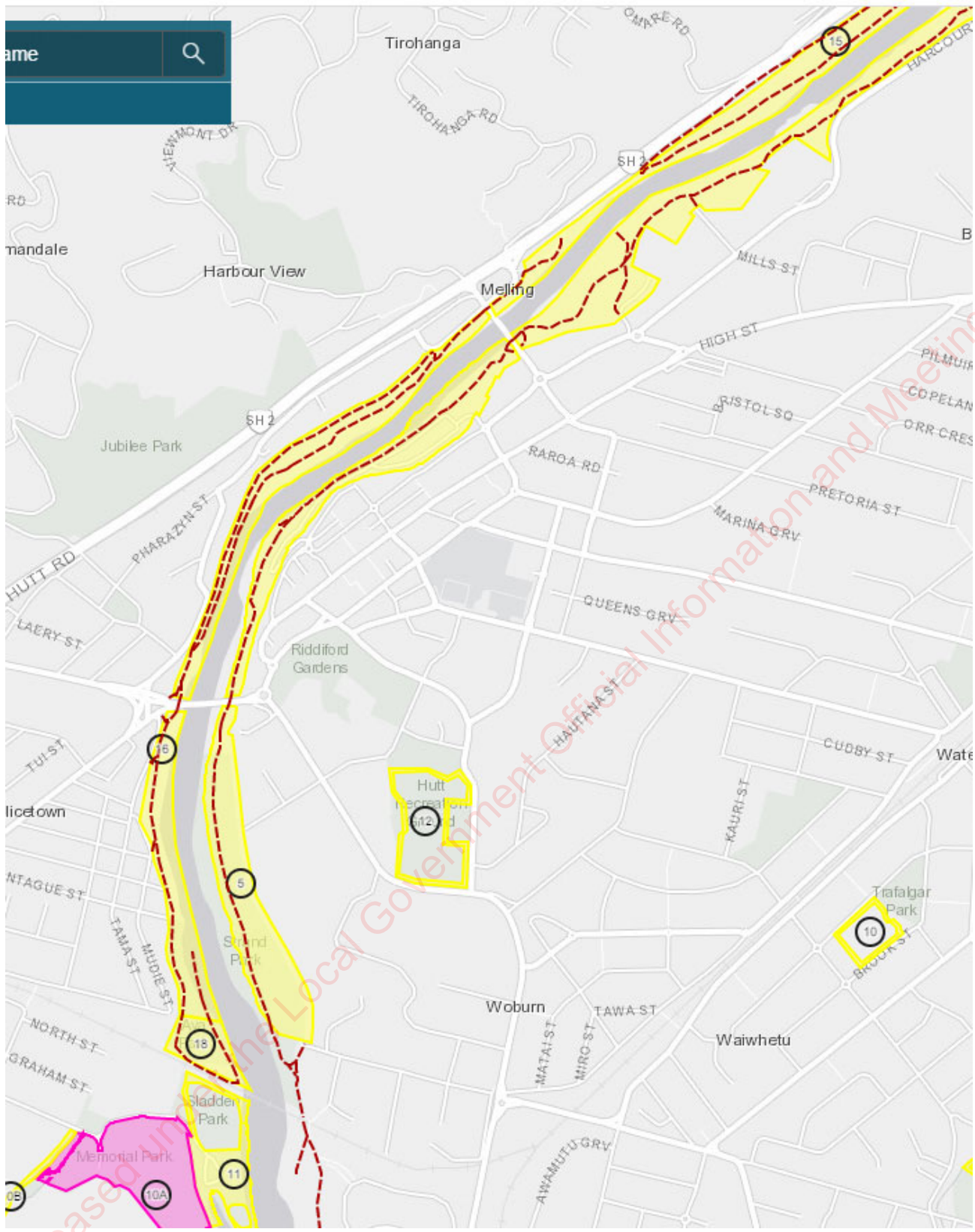
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Pieter Mans  
Animal Services Manager





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**From:** Tom Biggin <[Tom.Biggin@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Tom.Biggin@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 December 2022 11:06 am  
**To:** Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>; Susan Sales <[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hmmm, OK, thanks. Earlier in the letter we respond to another question as follows:

**“When will clear and complete signage be placed to make clear the off-leash exclusion areas?**  
There are clear signs on the sealed pathway on top of the riverbank advising that all dogs must be on a leash.”

I’m not sure if these two responses hang together OK do they? I’m just pondering how it will land with Rod and I’d imagine he’ll jump on that?

**Tom Biggin**  
Project Lead - RiverLink

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040  
**M:** s7(2)(a) **W:** [www.huttcity.govt.nz](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz)

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**From:** Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 December 2022 10:48 AM  
**To:** Tom Biggin <[Tom.Biggin@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Tom.Biggin@huttcity.govt.nz)>; Susan Sales <[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Official Information Access Request

Hi Tom

I guess that we do acknowledge that there is a lack of signage. Currently, there aren’t any signs that I am aware of, do you think we should change the sentence?

Thanks

Pieter

**Pieter Mans**  
Animal Services Manager

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**P: M:** s7(2)(a) **W:** [www.huttcity.govt.nz](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz)

## Susan Sales

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**From:** Information Management Team  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 November 2022 11:22 am  
**To:** Kelly Crandle; Pieter Mans  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi Guys

Here is Greater Wellington's response when given this LGOIMA to look at.

GW won't be responding to it. We will respond with what info HCC has.

s7(2)(a) I will ask someone else to sign out our response to Rod's LGOIMA so we manage conflicts of interests appropriately.

Susan

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rod Badcock <fyi-request-21128-d25f8bc5@requests.fyi.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 November 2022 11:03 am  
**To:** Information Management Team <informationmanagementteam@huttcity.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Dear Information Management Team,

Following your advice:

"Please note that some of the Hutt River bank area is under the control of Greater Wellington Regional Council. Accordingly, we recommend that you direct your enquiry to Greater Wellington Regional Council, as Hutt City Council will not be able to respond on its behalf."

I lodged this as an OIA with Greater Wellington who confirm that it is purely a Hutt City issue:

'Your request has been passed onto several GW departments and I have been informed – "The bylaws for dogs are managed by HCC, we do not manage these and never have"'

Please ensure that HCC provide a complete response.

Yours sincerely,

Rod Badcock

-----Original Message-----

Tēnā koe Rod

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987:  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your official information request dated 15 November 2022 (and subsequent email of 16 November 2022) for information regarding off-leash dog areas on Hutt River trails/areas.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

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Please note that Hutt City Council's response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

Susan Sales  
Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040, New Zealand W [www.huttcity.govt.nz](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz)

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## Susan Sales

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**From:** John Floyd  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 January 2023 11:25 am  
**To:** Pieter Mans  
**Cc:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne; Susan Sales  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

As specified in my email below:

“...the Dog Exercise Areas were first defined in 2015...”

I see the bylaw was adopted by council on 15 December 2015 and made effective from 8 February 2016.

The maps and the webmap would have been published with effect from 8 February 2016.

“The Designated on-leash walking path was added in 2017 specifically for Avalon Park:”

**John Floyd**

Geospatial Manager

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040

**P:** s7(2)(a) **W:** [www.huttcity.govt.nz](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz)



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**From:** Pieter Mans <Pieter.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxx.nz>

**Sent:** Friday, 23 December 2022 9:36 AM

**To:** John Floyd <John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz>

**Cc:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne <Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz>; Susan Sales <Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi John

I hope that you are well.

We had a comeback from Rod about this, Susan is asking this:

“Rod did ask when the GIS map was released that is the subject of his complaint, although I understood that the map was correct but was surpassed by changes happening on the ground. Is this correct? Do we have a specific date or year that we can provide to Rod?”

Thanks

Pieter

**Pieter Mans**  
Animal Services Manager

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040  
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**From:** John Floyd <[John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:39 AM  
**To:** Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne <[Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
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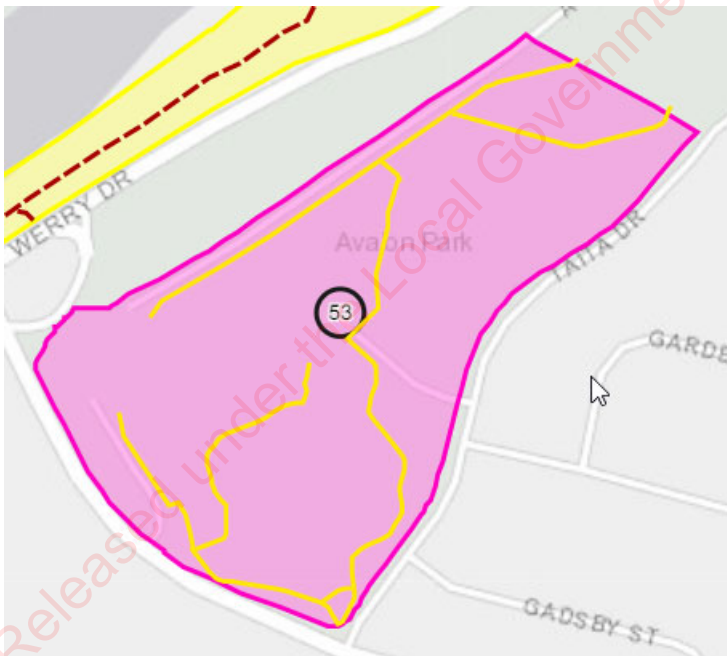
Hi Pieter,

When the Dog Exercise Areas were first defined in 2015 there were only the 3 categories:

- Dog Exercise Area,
- Dog Prohibition Area and
- Dog Exercise and Prohibition Area

Cyclepath / Walkways were shown for interest but there were no specific conditions attached to them.

The Designated on-leash walking path was added in 2017 specifically for Avalon Park:



With hindsight the choice of a darker yellow line symbol is probably too similar to the outer perimeter boundary of the Dog Exercise Areas so possibly some confusion there. We will look to change this symbology.

I'm not sure at what stage this statement was added into the equation:

***"Reynolds Bach Drive to Port Road. If you're using the sealed pathway on top of the riverbank, your dog must be on a lead."***

But I'm pretty sure it was not specified at the time the original bylaw was defined.

Regards,  
John

**John Floyd**  
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**Cc:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne <[Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz)>; Information Management Team <[informationmanagementteam@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:informationmanagementteam@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
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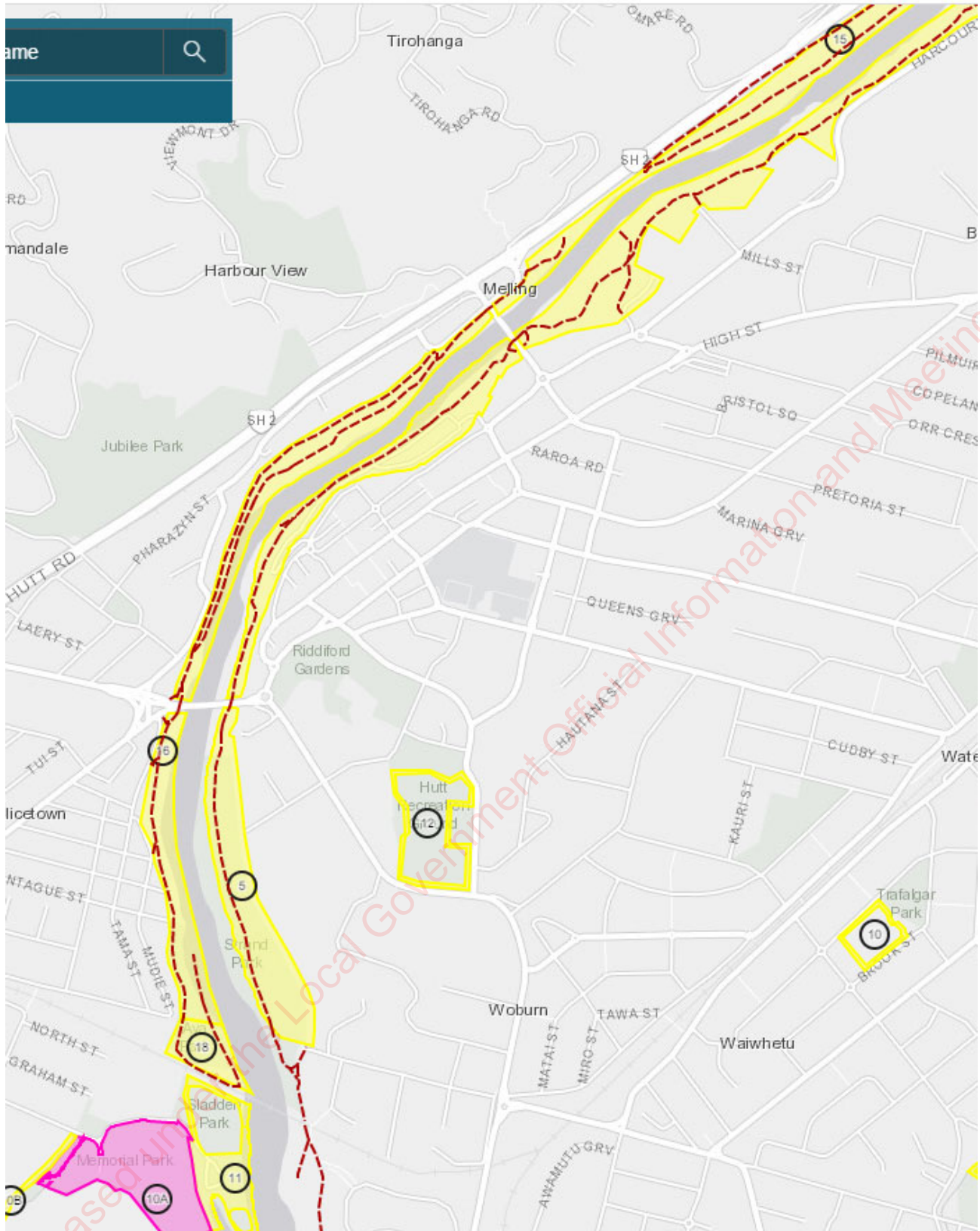
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Pieter Mans  
Animal Services Manager



## Susan Sales

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**From:** Susan Sales  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 November 2022 11:04 am  
**To:** Pieter Mans; Kelly Cradle  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Thank you both.

I will suggest to Rod that he also gives his info request to GWRC, so they can answer for their bits.

Susan

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**From:** Pieter Mans <Pieter.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 November 2022 8:45 am  
**To:** Kelly Cradle <Kelly.Cradle@huttcity.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Susan Sales <Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi Kelly

Thanks, we will have a look at this and respond to what we can, if I require you to answer something I will let you know.

Cheers

Pieter

**Pieter Mans**  
Animal Services Manager

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kelly Cradle <Kexxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx>.xx  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** Pieter Mans <xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx>.xx  
**Cc:** Susan Sales <xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx>.xx  
**Subject:** FW: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi Pieter,

This is really about signage and maps for Dog Control Areas along the Hutt river. Can I leave this with you

or do you think a Parks and Reserves response is required?

Most of the riverbank is owned and managed by Greater Wellington but there are some exceptions eg Sladden Park.

If you conclude that there is a requirement to replace or add addition signs, please would you get in touch with P & R before ordering. We would like to influence the post system and the placement of signs.

Kind regards.  
Kelly Crandle

Head of Parks and Reserves

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040

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-----Original Message-----

From: Information Management Team <[informationmanagementteam@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:informationmanagementteam@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2022 10:05 am

To: Pieter Mans <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx)>; Kelly Crandle <[xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx)>.xx

Subject: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Morena Pieter and Kelly

Here is a new LGOIMA, this one about off-leash dog exercise areas esp on bike paths - most of the email is background to the queries. And he refers to irregularities in HCC info about off-leash exercise areas.

Would you be the correct teams to send this LGOIMA to, as a starting point? I realise he asks about GIS, by-laws, cycle tracks etc so I might need to take the request to other teams if you can't reply to some questions.

Can you tell me by COP Tuesday what information your teams can provide? Then I will target the other questions at other HCC teams.

Susan

Ngā mihi

Susan Sales

Ringa Āwhina Tāhūhū ki Te Koromatua | Senior Advisor Te Kaunihera o Te Awa Kairangi | Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040, New Zealand

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From: Rod Badcock <[xx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx)>.xx

Sent: Tuesday, 15 November 2022 8:36 pm

To: Information Management Team <[xx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx)>.xx

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Dear Hutt City Council,

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACCESS REQUEST

There appears to be some discrepancy between Council Bylaw and Policy, what is shown on HCC GIS, signposting and safety regarding off-leash dog walking areas in the environs of the Hutt River.

The pertinent information is available at <https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/services/dogs/dog-exercise-areas> where it clearly states that off-leash dog walking is excluded from sealed paths:

“Reynolds Bach Drive to Port Road. If you’re using the sealed pathway on top of the riverbank, your dog must be on a lead.”

In addition, HCC have placed a (very few) signs on the western shared path at the Ava rail bridge as shown in attached photos:

This would appear to be in accordance with the 2015 Bylaw and Policy that allows Council to redesignate for safety reasons. (Although signage does not meet the Bylaw obligations):

<https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/dca10d32fed24fb48c89a051398ef73e/CM9-WE/96fbce88203d0e04edf8dcc53b73ea9d2a2>

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Clearly HCC have failed to ‘clearly identify to the public where this cannot, and can, be carried out. This breaches Council Policy.

Furthermore, not only is the clear identification specifically further mentioned in 1.3.1 but also in 1.3.2. The 2015 Bylaw goes further and sets the case that areas should be revoked for safety and amenity under Section 1.3.3 h and j:

### "1.3 DOG EXERCISE AREAS

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h. (the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally; i. the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults; j. the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; "

It should be noted that in the Riverlink Environment Court judgement the following observations were made (para 256) with respect to paths through a dog park:

"But to place an unfenced cycle path in any area specifically designated as a dog playing/exercise area is to knowingly impose a raised risk for all users - the cyclists, the dogs, and their owners. The separation of the areas of such incompatible activities requires attention in the design of the project, and perhaps also in the consent conditions. Conditions should be amended appropriately”

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Yours faithfully,

Rod Badcock

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## Susan Sales

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**From:** Tom Biggin  
**Sent:** Friday, 23 December 2022 2:29 pm  
**To:** Susan Sales; Pieter Mans  
**Subject:** RE: Rod Badcock complaint -

Thanks Susan

Just a couple of suggested tweaks from me in green below.

**Tom Biggin**  
Partner Lead - RiverLink

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040  
**M:** [REDACTED] **W:** [www.huttcity.govt.nz](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz)

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**From:** Susan Sales <Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 23 December 2022 2:00 PM  
**To:** Pieter Mans <Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz>; Tom Biggin <Tom.Biggin@huttcity.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Rod Badcock complaint -  
**Importance:** High

Thanks for your thoughts Pieter and Tom. Here is my draft response to Rod's complaints. Are you OK with it?

Dear Rod

### Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2022.

Additional information and responses to your points are provided below.

1. The Hutt City Council is not able to provide an accurate date for the GIS map, but it is likely from 2015 or thereabouts.
2. Hutt City Council is not aware of receiving any other requests for information about the status of off-leash dog exercise areas in sealed path locations. Any information we have provided to the Environment Court is publicly available here: <https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/riverlink-consent>
3. Signage is placed on the riverbank at entrances that are alongside residential areas (for example, at Mill Street and Melling Reserve), as these entrances are the most used by dog owners.
4. Please see the response to question 3 above. We are unable to advise when new signage will be installed because future actions of the Hutt City Council are, at this stage, unknown.
5. We are not aware of any other advice being given about the status of off-leash dog exercise areas in sealed path locations, other than that provided on the Council's website and riverbank signage. As advised above, any information we have provided to the Environment Court is publicly available here: <https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/riverlink-consent>.

The final design of the RiverLink active transport network will be developed in accordance with the consent conditions as directed by the Environment Court. The Hutt City Council has not yet commenced the final design to determine how the consent conditions will be translated into the project.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Susan

**Susan Sales**

Senior Advisor Official Information and Privacy

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**From:** [Pieter Mans](#)  
**To:** [Susan Sales](#); [Tom Biggin](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Rod Badcock complaint -  
**Date:** Friday, 23 December 2022 2:32:17 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[ATT00001.png](#)

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Hi Susan

It looks OK to me, I know that there are signs at Whites Line East, Marsden Street, and Block Road. There may be more elsewhere.

Cheers

Pieter

**Pieter Mans**  
Animal Services Manager

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**From:** Susan Sales <x@xx>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 23, 2022 2:00 PM  
**To:** Pieter Mans <x@xx>; Tom Biggin <Tom.Biggin@huttcity.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Rod Badcock complaint -  
**Importance:** High

Thanks for your thoughts Pieter and Tom. Here is my draft response to Rod's complaints. Are you OK with it?

Dear Rod

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987**

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2022.

Additional information and responses to your points are provided below.

1. The Hutt City Council is not able to provide an accurate date for the GIS map, but it is probably from 2015 or thereabouts.
2. Hutt City Council is not aware of receiving any other requests for information about the status of off-leash dog exercise areas in sealed path locations. Any information we have provided to the Environment Court is publicly available here: <https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/riverlink-consent>



3. Signage is placed on the riverbank at entrances that are alongside residential areas (for example, at Mill Street and Melling Reserve), as these entrances are the most accessible to dog owners.
4. Please see the response to question 3 above. We are unable to advise when new signage will be installed because future actions of the Hutt City Council are, at this stage, unknown.
5. We not aware of any other advice being given about the status of off-leash dog exercise areas in sealed path locations, other than that provided on the Council's website and riverbank signage. As advised above, any information we have provided to the Environment Court is publicly available here:  
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**From:** [Information Management Team](#)  
**To:** [Pieter Mans](#); [Tom Biggin](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths  
**Date:** Wednesday, 21 December 2022 6:03:00 pm  
**Attachments:** [Response - Rod Badcock \(003\).docx](#)

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Hi Team

I sent the response to Rod Badcock's LGOIMA re off-leash dog exercise areas to him yesterday. In his reply below, you will see he is unhappy with our response.

I have attached the response we sent to him yesterday, and have incorporated at the end of each question I have said what Rod's comments are in red font. In green font, I have given my comments and questions to you both. Black font is our original response.

There appears to be some poorly worded questions, or our poor interpretations to them. There are also 3 questions in his LGOIMA that are not LGOIMA questions, because LGOIMAs are not about 'will...' or 'why...' questions - they are about asking for official info we hold - we don't need to worry too much about these ones providing what we have given to Rod is the best we can. We obviously can't make comments about future actions the council may or may not make.

Unsure if you are both still working, but I think we should perhaps meet if we can before the end of the year to discuss Rod's concerns. Needn't be long but checking in in person could be useful. Wouldn't mind sending a reply to him this side of Christmas.

Ngā mihi

Susan Sales  
Ringa Āwhina Tāhūhū ki Te Koromatua | Senior Advisor  
Te Kaunihera o Te Awa Kairangi | Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040, New Zealand  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Rod Badcock <[fyi-request-21128-d25f8bc5@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-21128-d25f8bc5@requests.fyi.org.nz)>  
Sent: Tuesday, 20 December 2022 3:54 pm  
To: Information Management Team <[xx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.nz](mailto:xx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.nz)>  
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Dear Susan,

I note that the specific questions \*have not been answered\*. Please ensure that the questions are answered in particular:

Q1 Has not been answered.

Q2 Has not been answered - you have provided specific written instruction to environment court on Riverlink. Please answer.

Q3. Has not been answered. There is no clear signage posted on the sections identified by the 2015 bylaw that specifically states this is required.

Q4 Has not been answered, and is incorrect. Please review what signage, and where, is in place as per 2015 bylaw

Q5 Not answered. HCC has provided official response to the environment court and others. This is not stated here.

The Officers response is deficient in information, quality, and content. It seems probable that this was a minimal

effort. There can be \*no\* justification for the delay in responding.

Does this really need the ombudsmen to be involved for HCC to respond?

Rod

Yours sincerely,

Rod Badcock

-----Original Message-----

Kia ora Rod

Please find attached our response to your LGOIMA dated 15 November 2022.

We apologise in the delays associated with responding to your request.

Ngā mihi

Susan Sales

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From: Susan Saleo  
To: [info@hutt.govt.nz](mailto:info@hutt.govt.nz)  
Subject: LGOIMA information request summary for 12 December 2022  
Date: Monday, 12 December 2022 8:06:00 pm  
Attachments: [www.hutt.govt.nz](#)

Kia ora everyone

Here is the list of all active LGOIMA requests as at 12 December 2022:

Link	Organisation	Received Date	Date Due	Officer Assigned
		s7(2)(a)		s7(2)(a)
<a href="#">Rod Baddock - Off-leash dog areas in riverside trails</a>	Individual	16/11/2022	14/12/2022	Susan Saleo:#170#Pieter Mans:#61#Kie Ivy Orandic:#221
				s7(2)(a)

Active Privacy Act requests:

We have 1 active request for information under the Privacy Act.

Here is the list of LGOIMAs that have been completed since 6 December 2022:

s7(2)(a)
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One Privacy Act request was also completed on 7 December.

Ngā mihi  
**Susan Saleo**  
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From: Susan Sales  
To: [Susan Sales](#), [DIT Comms](#), [DIT Comms](#)  
Subject: LGDMA Information request summary for 21 December 2022  
Date: Monday, 21 November 2022 5:07:08 pm  
Attachments: [Email 1.docx](#)

Sorry everyone I mean 21 November 2022 (not December yet)

Susan

From: Susan Sales

Sent: Monday, 21 November 2022 9:05 pm  
To: Jackie Swainson <[Jackie.Swainson@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Jackie.Swainson@huttcity.govt.nz)>; [DIT-CLT@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:DIT-CLT@huttcity.govt.nz); Communications <[Communications@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Communications@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
Subject: LGDMA information request summary for 21 December 2022

Kia ora everyone

Here is the list of all active LGDMA requests as at 21 October 2022:

Link	Organisation	Received Date	Date Due	Officer Assigned
				s7(2)(a)
<a href="#">Rod Sedcock - Off-leash dog areas in riverside trails</a>	Individual	16/11/2022	11/12/2022	Susan Sales#170#Pieter Mans#62#Kylie Grande#211
				s7(2)(a)

We have 2 active requests for information under the Privacy Act.

Here is the list of LGDMA requests that have been completed since 14 November 2022:

Link	Organisation	Received Date	Date Due	Completion Date	Officer Assigned
					s7(2)(a)

Ngā mihi

Susan Sales

[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz) | Te Whānau o Aotearoa

Te Kaitiaki o Te Awa Kaitiaki | Hutt City Council, 301 Ake Ake Road, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 50 6, New Zealand

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Hi Kelly

Thank you for the reply, it is much appreciated.

Pieter

-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly Crandle <[Kelly.Crandle@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Kelly.Crandle@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:45 AM

To: Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Subject: RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

The HCC Transport team sealed the surface (different sections in various years) but this was done by cooperating with Rotary and Greater Wellington. Greater Wellington manage the Hutt River Trail and oversee the installation of all the developments inside the stopbanks.

Kelly Crandle

Head of Parks and Reserves

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040

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-----Original Message-----

From: Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2022 9:42 am

To: Kelly Crandle <[Kelly.Crandle@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Kelly.Crandle@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Subject: RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi Kelly

Thank you for the information.

Do you know who is/was responsible for the sealed footpath on the floodplains?

Thanks

Pieter

Pieter Mans

Animal Services Manager

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly Crandle <[Kelly.Crandle@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Kelly.Crandle@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 8:51 AM

To: Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Subject: RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Thanks Pieter.

I walked to work this morning and the route included the riverbank sealed paths Belmont Lights to Ewan Bridge west bank and Ewan Bridge to Moera Kindy east bank. I did not see one dog off lead on the sealed path between about 6.45 and 8.15am. I wonder how big the problem is.

Kelly Cradle

Head of Parks and Reserves

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-----Original Message-----

From: Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Sent: Friday, 18 November 2022 8:45 am

To: Kelly Cradle <[Kelly.Cradle@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Kelly.Cradle@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Cc: Susan Sales <[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Subject: RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi Kelly

Thanks, we will have a look at this and respond to what we can, if I require you to answer something I will let you know.

Cheers

Pieter

Pieter Mans

Animal Services Manager

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly Cradle <[Kelly.Cradle@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Kelly.Cradle@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 11:18 AM

To: Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Cc: Susan Sales <[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Subject: FW: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi Pieter,

This is really about signage and maps for Dog Control Areas along the Hutt river. Can I leave this with you or do you think a Parks and Reserves response is required?



Most of the riverbank is owned and managed by Greater Wellington but there are some exceptions eg Sladden Park.

If you conclude that there is a requirement to replace or add additional signs, please would you get in touch with P & R before ordering. We would like to influence the post system and the placement of signs.

Kind regards.  
Kelly Crandle

Head of Parks and Reserves

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040

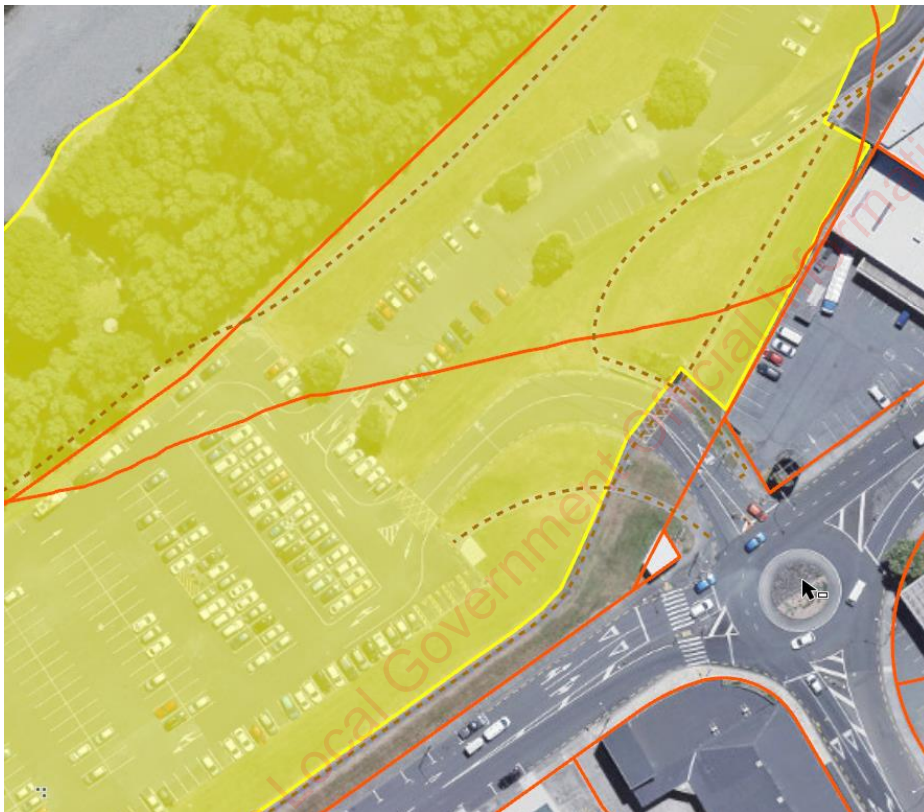
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**From:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne <[Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2023 3:57 PM  
**To:** Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>; John Floyd <[John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi Pieter

***“Reynolds Bach Drive to Port Road. If you’re using the sealed pathway on top of the riverbank, your dog must be on a lead.”***

I looked at the Dog Exercise Areas to add the “On-leash Walking Paths” along the Hutt River, but the Areas defined back in 2015 doesn’t follow the property boundaries (the orange lines).



The Exercise Areas was never designed to be used to this level of detail, it was good enough for the A4 pdf’s that accompanied the Bylaw. The use of the interactive map changes things a bit, and we’ll need to make changes to all the mapped areas to align them to the property boundaries. This isn’t a re-write of the bylaw, but a total update of the maps.

Can we arrange a time for you to come and sit with me and John and look at the implications on the screen together?

Cheers  
ML

**Marie-Louise Labuschagne**  
Senior GIS Specialist - Land

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**From:** Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 January 2023 8:30 am  
**To:** John Floyd <[John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne <[Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz)>; Susan Sales <[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi John

Happy New Year.

Thanks for the confirmation.

Pieter

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Animal Services Manager

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**From:** John Floyd <[John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 6, 2023 11:25 AM  
**To:** Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne <[Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz)>; Susan Sales <[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

As specified in my email below:

“...the Dog Exercise Areas were first defined in 2015...”

I see the bylaw was adopted by council on 15 December 2015 and made effective from 8 February 2016.

The maps and the webmap would have been published with effect from 8 February 2016.

“The Designated on-leash walking path was added in 2017 specifically for Avalon Park:”

**John Floyd**  
Geospatial Manager

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5040

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**From:** Pieter Mans <[Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Pieter.Mans@huttcity.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, 23 December 2022 9:36 AM

**To:** John Floyd <[John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:John.Floyd@huttcity.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Marie-Louise Labuschagne <[Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Marie-Louise.Labuschagne@huttcity.govt.nz)>; Susan Sales <[Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Susan.Sales@huttcity.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Off-leash dog exercise policy and safety on shared paths

Hi John

I hope that you are well.

We had a comeback from Rod about this, Susan is asking this:

“Rod did ask when the GIS map was released that is the subject of his complaint, although I understood that the map was correct but was surpassed by changes happening on the ground. Is this correct? Do we have a specific date or year that we can provide to Rod?”

Thanks

Pieter

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Animal Services Manager

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