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Tēnā koe Wellington City (Brooklyn) Rate Payer

Thank you for your request of 19 June 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *“Considering the cost and impact of the changes, we are reviewing the cause, cost and changes regarding:*

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*Regarding Cause.*

*The RFP mentions "WCC have received complaints from residents, pedestrians, and cyclists that the volumes and speeds of traffic are creating an unsafe environment."*

*Please provide a table of categorised, individual complaints received to better understand reasoning, urgency, origin and scale of the complaints."*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

We found one relevant complaint prior to the October 2021 Hawkins Hill Right of Way Safety and Pavement Improvements Tender. In April 2001, a member of the public reported a vehicle accident on Wind Turbine Road, where a vehicle went down a hill onto their property. The resident considered this a safety hazard, and requested a Council inspection and solution to prevent future incidents. Please note that this complaint summary is provided under section 15(1)(e) of the LGOIMA where information may be made available by giving an excerpt or summary of the contents.

We were unable to locate any individual complaints directly relating to the volumes and speeds of traffic creating an unsafe environment. Therefore, your request for information is refused pursuant to section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. However, some information related to your request is publicly available online. Details are provided below.

The Hawkins Hill Right of Way Safety and Pavement Improvements Tender, released in October 2021, was introduced to implement the directive issued by the former City Strategy Committee (CSC) on 22 November 2018.

The Council agreed to undertake minor improvements to the Right of Way (RoW). For further information, please refer to this link [here](#), and the actions listed:

- Item 4.1 (page 9)
- Item 4.1.2 b - Finalise detailed design for the RoW (completed February 2020).
- Item 4.1.2 c - Quantify and apply for funding through the 2021 LTP (\$1.37m was approved in June 2021) to deliver improvements and maintenance on the RoW (completed 2024).

The tendered project addressed safety issues and maintenance improvements along the length of Hawkins Hill Right of Way as highlighted in the tender overview: *"In addition, the RoW has had limited maintenance intervention over the last 20 years resulting in sections of pavement requiring repair."*

Details on both traffic volumes, speed, user safety and maintenance requirements for each section of the RoW are outlined in the August 2018 'Service Levels and Maintenance Review'. This is discussed in the November 2018 CSC meeting. Please refer to [Item 4.1 \(pages 23 to 115\)](#).

Prior to the CSC committee meeting, ongoing engagement had occurred with landowners and RoW users in the area. During meetings between officers and landowners, safety was identified as a primary concern.

Feedback and comments over the specific measures and options were sought from land owners and RoW users in the area who submitted. These are summarised in [pages 45 to 48](#). Safety issues were also highlighted by residents of Hawkins Hill in the written submissions to the CSC pages [four to seven](#).

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact [official.information@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:official.information@wcc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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