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Dear 

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2022-50

Thank you for your email of 30 August 2022 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

"...on behalf of a constituent who has approached us on a number of matters related to action on climate change, and in particular making alternatives to motor vehicle transport more appealing. The specific question I would be appreciative of assistance on is understanding whether Carterton has any plans to extend the existing cycle/walkway beside the railway (currently running between Pembroke and Victoria streets) and/or what if any barriers/difficulties/issues there may be to doing so."

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

As noted in your request, there is a Cycle/Walkway trail between Pembroke and Victoria Streets. At this stage we have no intention to extend it.

A few years ago, CDC explored the option of utilising the rail corridor for a multi-use trail. However, there were barriers to progressing this. Including cost of application process. Kiwi Rail also expressed concerns of the number of road crossings requesting a Health & Safety report per crossing (this also came at a significant expense).

Our focus has been on the Five Towns Master Plan <https://fivetownstrail.co.nz/> and the current funding application through Waka Kotahi for:

- The Clareville Connection is our first priority and fits within the delivering strategic cycling/micro mobility network investment area. Our proposal is to develop a 4.9-kilometre multiuse cycleway that connects the centre of Carterton Township with Clareville and the Wairarapa A&P showgrounds and hockey turf. Currently there is no safe cycleway

connecting Carterton with Clareville and cyclists have to use busy State Highway (SH) 2, opting to travel by motor vehicle instead.

- The Multi-Use School Connection. This connection proposes to safely connect five schools in Carterton with the centre of town. It's a combination of both off-road and on-road trail, across 6.3 km. There are currently no safe connections between Carterton Schools and the Central Business District (CBD), which limits the numbers of students being able to bike or walk to school, increasing vehicle use.
- The Greytown to Carterton (Brooklyn Road) Connection. This section proposes to connect the centre of Greytown with Brooklyn Rd, Carterton and the Multi Use School Connection above. Covering across three of the investment areas, including an additional cycleway, making two communities more walkable and improving school travel. These three projects highlight the focus the Council has on safety for cyclists and mode shift from cars to cycling, reducing our carbon emissions.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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