

9 August 2023



Dear 

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-43

Thank you for your email of 17 July 2023 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

- “1. Please supply DETAILED street plans for the proposed 200km 5 towns cycleway in Carterton.*
- 2. Please provide detailed arrangements when and where submissions by the general public can be made for this proposal.*
- 3. Please supply which authorities are involved in this proposal.*
- 4. Please explain how much influence/power the NZTA and Carterton district council has over this proposal.*
- 5. Please assure me that the general public/ local ratepayer/householder will be invited to lobby the government authorities responsible for putting forward this proposal.*
- 5. Please explain why this hidden agenda for a 5 town cycleway proposed by NZTA ...And CDC can only be found in an obscure document outlining transport alternatives for the covering the entirety of NZ ??*
- 6. Please assure me that this proposal is NOT one of this foregone non consultation decision of the unilateral kind that people who matter get no say in!”*

On 29 July 2023, you clarified that *“This particular email was about the 5 towns project. I have since then sent in a detailed message about the transport survey that you requested to be returned by Sunday 23rd July ... you will know it because it has my name and email included.*

The huge issue which is NOT being addressed in the transport survey of course, is much needed heavy traffic bypass to divert Heavy transport traffic away from the Main Street of Carterton. Nobody in their right minds could possibly think that logging trucks and sheep trucks and the like, could possibly want to stop there for a cup of tea, post a letter, have a haircut or whatever else the local business owners might be part of their consideration that a bypass would be detrimental to their economic survival!!!!!!

The actual placement of the cycleway through Carterton does interest and concern me though particularly if it involves the use of Deller Drive. Hence my reason for seeking detailed information on this propose project.”



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

Thank you for your clarification. My response to your original request is based on what you are asking about the Five Town Trail, is in the order below.

1. Please supply DETAILED street plans for the proposed 200km 5 towns cycleway in Carterton

The following link <https://fivetownstrail.co.nz/our-master-plan> will direct you through to the Wairarapa Five Towns Trail Network (WFTTN) Master Plan, within the document on page 4 is an indicative map of the proposed off-road trail network.

The WFTTN Master Plan provides the overall conceptual framework for the proposed trails development. Detailed plans for each section of the trail will be developed in partnership with the relevant landowners, Councils and stakeholders as the trails are progressively rolled out.

2. Please provide detailed arrangements when and where submissions by the general public can be made for this proposal.

There will be an opportunity for submissions through all three Councils as part of their upcoming Long-Term Plans. Additionally, as this is a staged project there will be public consultations for each section of trail development as and when these happen.

3. Please supply which authorities are involved in this proposal

CDC, Masterton District Council, and South Wairarapa District Council. We have also extended an invitation to Greater Wellington Regional Council to participate in the WFTTN, which will be considered in their upcoming Long-Term Plan.

4. Please explain how much influence/power the NZTA and Carterton district council has over this proposal

At this stage Waka Kotahi (NZTA) have no influence over this project. In the future it is likely we would seek their support and the possibility of them being an external funder. CDC is a part of the wider group who have been developing this project, currently CDC are the lead council in that we are the overseer of the Contract Project Manager.

5. Please assure me that the general public/ local ratepayer/householder will be invited to lobby the government authorities responsible for putting forward this proposal.

This project will be included in the upcoming Long-Term Plans of the three Wairarapa Councils and there will be an opportunity for general public/rate payers to put forward their views.

6. Please explain why this hidden agenda for a 5 town cycleway proposed by NZTA And CDC can only be found in an obscure document outlining transport alternatives for the covering the entirety of NZ??

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WFTTN is included in our current Long-Term Plan, has its own website as included above. Over the last three years there has been council reports, press releases in the Wairarapa Midweek, Times Age and in the Carterton Crier. Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is not involved in this project – we cannot answer on their behalf.

7. Please assure me that this proposal is NOT one of this foregone non consultation decision of the unilateral kind that people who matter get no say in!"

Community Partnerships are a fundamental step in the development of this trail network, we will be working closely with the community, landowners, mana whenua, stakeholders and agencies to ensure the success of this project. We have every intention to keep the community informed of the work we are doing and consult and engage with community with all trail development.

Your request may also relate to the Transport Choices funding we received from Waka Kotahi for safe cycle ways for our local school. The Waka Kotahi's Transport Choices programme has approved the three projects, and the amount approved can be viewed in our website here: [Waka Kotahi Transport Choices: Connecting Carterton | Carterton District Council \(cdc.govt.nz\)](#).

You may also wish to view my regular updates in my CE (Chief Executive) reports which can be viewed here: [Agenda of Ordinary Council meeting - Wednesday, 2 August 2023 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#) refer to pages 35-36.

Regarding the *"The actual placement of the cycleway through Carterton does interest and concern me though particularly if it involves the use of Deller Drive."* Part of the Transport Choices funding is exploring safe options for children to get to schools, and this included an option of an off-road trail between Mortan and Dellar Drive. This proposal has been rejected and is no longer being considered.

Engagement with the Carterton Community will start this week on the proposed new plan and route for the safe cycle lane will go.

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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