

12 January 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-93

Thank you for your email of Friday 15 December 2023 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

1. *“With the new pipe that has been laid under the railway work – what utilities were you alluding to for the future?”*
2. *In the documentation/minutes I have already received from you there were risk assessments with each area needing attention – Chester Road is categorised as ‘High Risk’ – if the pipe is high risk then **what is the high risk?** and how are these decisions arrived at and prioritised?*
3. *Our rates are some of the highest in the country and we pay for a lot of services for town/urban as well – why is Chester Rd no longer a priority? If you add what 20 rural residents pay per urban residents we feel our input is as significant as larger area in town.*
4. *If something was to happen to the pipe now or in the near future what would councils decision be – to repair or replace?”*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act). My response to your request is in the number order below.

1. ***With the new pipe that has been laid under the railway work – what utilities were you alluding to for the future?***

The new pipe was installed at the time for the future renewal of the water main. In the future the pipe could be used for other utilities like fibre, electricity and gas.

2. ***In the documentation/minutes I have already received from you there were risk assessments with each area needing attention – Chester Road is categorised as ‘High Risk’ – if the pipe is high risk then what is the high risk? and how are these decisions arrived at and prioritised?***

The risk considered that was a significant break in the water main. Using CDC’s Risk management framework the consequence of this risk for Chester Road Water Supply was evaluated as follows:

Consequence	Risk rating
Financial	Moderate
Regulatory	Low
Infrastructure services	Moderate
Employees	Low
Image & reputation	Significant

The combination of the above resulted in a "high" risk rating. We then compare all the high risk rated assets, and assessed the strategic impact and potential effect on the whole community.

3. Our rates are some of the highest in the country and we pay for a lot of services for town/urban as well – why is Chester Rd no longer a priority? If you add what 20 rural residents pay per urban residents we feel our input is as significant as larger area in town.

Chester road is still a priority, however, there are other assets with higher priority.

4. If something was to happen to the pipe now or in the near future what would councils decision be – to repair or replace?

We will continue to maintain the asset as and when required. Council will make a decision on replacement (sometimes also referred to as renewal) when the asset becomes the highest priority on the reticulation network. We will not make any decisions until that time.

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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