

5 April 2024

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2024-16

Thank you for your email and letter of 29 March 2024 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) attached as **Appendix A**.

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

Information on any request or approach by [REDACTED] to form a roadway on that part of Granville that is driveway.

In response to this part of your request, Council does not hold any information on any request or approach by [REDACTED] to form a roadway on that part of Granville. I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act for the reason that the information requested is not held by CDC.

I have two further requests.

The gullies that traverse this portion of Granville are used as water supplies and have been for some time. Gladstone is prone to flooding and wastewater issues, due to such things as wind blown silt soils and clay pan. [REDACTED] proposed development would have the potential to adversely affect these gullies and the water supplies.

I request copies of any advice Council may have provided to [REDACTED] regarding flooding and wastewater migration.

In response to the two above requests, Council has not provided any advice to [REDACTED] on either of these matters.

Under section 17(g) of the Act, I am refusing the two above requests “*The gullies that traverse this portion of Granville are used as water supplies and have been for some time. Gladstone is prone to flooding and wastewater issues, due to such things as wind blown silt soils and clay pan. [REDACTED] proposed development would have the potential to adversely affect these gullies and the water*”

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There have been a number of submissions to Council over the years, including from me, in the hope of lowering the speed limit between the stream and the urupa. Recently I was led to believe the speed limit would be reduced to 60kph, albeit for only part of that distance. This would go some way to mitigating risks, as very few drivers respect the double yellow line or children crossing to the bus stop at the end of Brooklands.

My present tally of homes is 22 in the settlement itself and another 6 homes set further back, plus a further 4 flats/cabins plus the primary school with a roll around 120 pupils; in all 32 habitable dwellings plus the school accessing Te Whiti Road between the stream and the urupa.

Consideration should also be given to the four fatalities in three separate accidents between the bridge and the urupa, within my memory at least.

If the speed limit is not going to be reduced for the entire length of road, I request a copy of that decision and supporting evidence showing the reasons for not reducing the speed limit with respect to the length of road, the number of dwellings, the primary school and the number of fatalities.

The information on the speed limit can be viewed in the Agenda Ordinary Council meeting of 25 October 2023 here:

https://carterton.infocouncil.biz/Open/2023/10/CO_20231025_AGN_3233_AT.PDF . Refer to the agenda item 7.2.L, which provides the proposed changes to the speed limits in the area you referred to.

Following the advice from the Minister of Transport that the rule for setting speeds will change, CDC placed a hold in December 2023 on the speed manage plan. However, on 27 March 2024, Council requested that offices continue the process. We are preparing to submit the speed management plan to the Director of Transport for approval, after which the speed limits can be changed.

Please note, the Council 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 and letter. 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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Carterton District Council

cc Solitaire Robertson, Planner

re LGOIMA information requests

In my previous correspondence of 20 and 21 October 2022 I mentioned that any changes to the status of the roads in Gladstone, e.g to Granville or Grey, would be of concern to some of us who are directly affected.

Since then Council has approved a subdivision that retains the roads, and this land has been purchased by [REDACTED]

Our new neighbour has made known his intention to expand Gladstone settlement towards the southeast.

In principle such an expansion may be a logical thing to do as it avoids ribbon development and may meet some of the requirements of low energy settlement (a requirement of our climate emergency) by being clustered around the defacto hub of our local school.

This may not pan out, as [REDACTED] proposal appears to exclude families with school age children. At this stage there is still insufficient information to gauge the type of development or its impact.

As it stands, [REDACTED] appears to have several options open to him. He may elect to apply for title using the approved subdivision plan, he may apply for title according to the survey as it appears in the Deeds Index or he may resell "as is." Recent changes to the shareholding of his company further cloud the issue.

[REDACTED] preference appears to be 50 house lots and the formation of roads. Normally a developer would own the land on which he builds roads then vest those roads with the Council. This is not the case in Gladstone as the roads have already been vested.

I have an agreement with Council that has allowed me to form and maintain a private driveway on Granville. That agreement was sought in 1985 and obtained in July 1988, and predates any competing interest that [REDACTED] may have.

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Yours faithfully,

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