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Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 1 June 2021:

Could you please advise me why the proposed survey works are to be carried out as notified to the neighborhood by Cardno in Kings Cres and its intersections.

Our Response:

Hutt City Council (HCC) has made significant progress with the vision of expanding the city's walking and cycling network. An important part of this network is the enhanced pedestrian crossing facilities, whose main role is to assist pedestrians and micromobility users to cross safely the road network across Lower Hutt.

HCC wants Lower Hutt, including the corridor of Kings Crescent to possess a safe pedestrian network. The main purpose of the project is to undertake pedestrian safety improvements along the Kings Crescent corridor. More specifically, the focus area covers the various side roads along Kings Crescent between Pretoria Street and the Hospital being:

- Pretoria Street East;
- Pretoria Street West;
- Epuni Street;
- Amberly Grove;
- Copeland Street;
- Mid-Block between Amberly Grove and Copeland Street; and
- Pilmuir Street.

The side streets form acute angles with Kings Crescent which in combination with the other characteristics in the area (wide intersections, power poles, few pedestrian opportunities to cross Kings Crescent) create an undesirable and potentially unsafe environment for users and community.

The project aims to identify pedestrian facilities appropriate to the unique particularities of the network for the areas described above, while retaining the existing stormwater assets to provide a cost-effective solution, and minimising the need for relocation of utilities and avoiding encroachment on neighbouring properties.

We are currently in the feasibility stage, awaiting topographical data to assist in making a robust decision with regards what can be achieved.

Please note that the work currently being undertaken is feasibility only, and does not commit us to undertaking works in the future.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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