

**From:** Information Management Team  
**To:** "fyi-request-14703-12db2f51@requests.fyi.org.nz"  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Budget, cost/benefit analysis, and consultations on Knights Road cycleway [#59880A]  
**Date:** Monday, 8 March 2021 12:41:00 PM

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08/03/2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your official information request dated 17 February 2021 for information regarding Budget, cost/benefit analysis, and consultations on Knights Road cycleway.

Please find our response below.

- 1) Overall costings for this project to date are \$138,659. The total available funding for this project, which is limited to temporary trials along Knights Rd with the aim of trialling solutions to create a safe connection on this key route, is \$558,325. 90% of the funding comes from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency with 10% coming from the existing Hutt City Council transport budget. This project is part of a national initiative and fund called Innovating Streets for People. Waka Kotahi are investing in these types of projects all across New Zealand and so if they weren't funding this project in Lower Hutt they would be funding something similar in another place. We cannot provide a detailed breakdown of the costs by stage as the collaborative design process being used with the community is iterative which means the final outcome is unknown at this stage.
- 2) Because the designs are temporary and adaptive a cost-benefit analysis specific to this trial layout isn't possible or practical. The nature and content of the feedback will help determine what happens next, and we cannot pre-empt this. Be reassured that this project and the associated funding does align with the Government's Policy Statement for transport mode shift and its commitments to responding to climate change. It also contributes to Hutt City Council's goals towards providing safe connections to active and public transport and the climate emergency that it declared in 2020.
- 3) To date we've had approximately 200 residents and community members participate in face-to-face workshops, pop ups and meetings in the early stages of engagement on this project. In some cases due to the type of engagement it was not recorded if the participant was a resident of Knights Road, a resident of a surrounding street or a regular user of Knights Road. We have engaged with the local schools and their school communities. Specific engagement initiatives included; a letter drop in June 2020, workshops in July-September 2020, a display activity at Queensgate in 2020, a letter drop in November 2020, a letter drop in December 2020, Birch St. pop up park launch in late 2020, letter drop in January 2021 and another letter drop in February 2021.

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](http://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.

Yours sincerely,

**Hutt City Council**

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**From:** Information Management Team  
**Sent:** Thursday, 18 February 2021 2:03 PM  
**To:** "fyi-request-14703-12db2f51@requests.fyi.org.nz"  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - Budget, cost/benefit analysis, and consultations on Knights Road cycleway [#59880A]

18/02/2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your official information request dated 17 February 2021 for information regarding Budget, cost/benefit analysis, and consultations on Knights Road cycleway.

We received your request on 18 February 2021. We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely,

**Euan Kyle**

Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

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**From:** Contact  
**Sent:** Thursday, 18 February 2021 7:12 AM  
**To:** Information Management Team  
**Subject:** FW: Official Information request - Budget, cost/benefit analysis, and consultations on Knights Road cycleway [#598B0A]

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From: [REDACTED] <fyi-request-14703-12db2f51@requests.fyi.org.nz>  
Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2021 8:21 PM  
To: "OIA/LGOIMA requests at Hutt City Council" <Contact@huttcity.govt.nz>  
Subject: Official Information request - Budget, cost/benefit analysis, and consultations on Knights Road cycleway

Dear Hutt City Council,

On March 3, 2015 Rod Babcock submitted an information request for the following information:  
"You have recently commissioned GHD consultants to carry out roading designs for cycleways in Hutt City, in particular for Knights Road and Waterloo Road 'protected' cycleways, and Cambridge Terrace. This was in response to the cycling subcommittee request.

Please could you provide the following information:

- 1 The detailed brief given to GHD consultants under which they were engaged
- 2 The formal scope given to GHD consultants
- 3 The cost to Hutt City Council for the designs produced by GHD consultants
- 4 Have GHD consultants been engaged to carry out further review, or safety evaluations, and at what cost "

This information request was subsequently withdrawn, after "discussions and meetings [of Rod Babcock] with Ron Muir, Lyle Earle and Jan Simmons"

Sadly, this resolution does not give the rest of us this information

Also, on September 15 2020, Michael Brown asked for information on "Hutt City Council planning around cycleways, in particular strategic planning for commuter routes around Lower Hutt", "current HCC planning and strategy documents, such as they exist, around development or improvement of the commuter cycleway infrastructure in the Hutt Valley". He was sent on the 19th November a draft document "Hutt City Cycling and Micromobility SSBC draft issued for Waka Kotahi fe... pdf" which contains mention of Knights Road cycleway, with an indicative level of investment of a single dollar sign for the trial and three dollar signs (the maximum indication) for the formalising of the Knights Road cycleway. This document does not answer any of the below questions

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As of 14 February 2021, a two lane cycleway is being trialled along part of Knights Road. We received a letter in early February, dated 27 January, telling us of this foregone conclusion. We were not offered opportunities to consult on this process and there are some glaring problems with the design of the cycleway, namely the removal of all but three car parks on the south side of the road, which is the side of the road with six small businesses on

Here is our Official Information Act request:

- 1) The total estimated cost of the project, with a detailed breakdown into the different stages
- 2) The cost/benefit analysis of the cycleway
- 3) Who was consulted and when about this project (Auaha Evolving Spaces says "Yes residents were given opportunities to participate and many shared what was important to them in the design process" but when was this exactly? How many Knights Road residents participated? How many businesses on Knights Road participated? How many cyclists participated?)

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website

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