

27 January 2022

Peter Barlow

s7(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Peter,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 10 November 2021, addressed to Waka Kotahi, for:

... the actual (as at 30 June 2021) bicycle routes for the three years (2019, 2020, 2021) that were dedicated to cycling, be they either one lane and/or double lane. Each should be a separate figure, ie km. A 1 km double lane for cycle traffic either way is of higher value than a 1 km one lane cycle route. I want to graph them for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and on a progressive basis in future years.

Waka Kotahi considered your request to be more closely connected with the functions of local councils, so transferred your request to Hutt City Council on 13 December 2021.

With respect to the specific material you have requested, Hutt City Council does not hold that information. Accordingly, your request for this is refused under s17(g) of the LGOIMA, on the grounds that the information requested is not held by us and we have no reason to believe that the information is held by another local authority, department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

Hutt City Council has 17 cycle lanes, with a total distance of 16.53 km. There are also 164 shared paths of 61.40 km in total, and one 0.46 km Neighbourhood Greenway. The definitions used here are as follows:

Cycle lane - a special vehicle lane marked on a road with a cycle symbol, which can only be used for cycling. Note that infrastructure commonly referred to as 'cycle lanes' that are not on the roadway are mostly shared paths and separated cycleways.

Shared path - a path provided for use by both cyclists and pedestrians, with motor vehicles being legally excluded.

Neighbourhood greenway - streets with low volumes of motor traffic travelling at low speeds where no specific cycle facility is required. This will generally imply the use of lower speed limits, supported by physical measures to ensure low traffic speeds and volumes, as well as guiding drivers and people on bikes to share the same road space. May also be known as 'quiet streets', 'slow streets' and 'bicycle boulevards'.

If you have any further questions, please email me at Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz. You also have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Kingsbury', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Kingsbury
Head of Transport