



30 July 2025

Karl Dulver

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Tēnā koe Karl,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 09 July 2025, seeking further Information on the pedestrian crossing at Major Drive in Kelson. Specifically, you have asked:

- 1. Why did the council pay \$11,500 to install these cameras, when covers would have been a cheaper option?*
- 2. Did rate payers get to know the wasted cost of \$11500? Will this go on the council updates?*
- 3. How many voted for Belisha Lights from the HCC survey?*

**Answer:**

Before responding to your request, it is important to note that there is no requirement under the LGOIMA for councils to form or provide opinions, respond to hypothetical scenarios, or justify decisions unless such information is already documented and held. This response is therefore limited to the official information currently held by Council.

To reiterate the information provided in our response dated 9 July 2025, the devices installed at the Kelson Crossing are not cameras and do not record any footage. They are pedestrian detection sensors that activate lighting only when users are present.

This on-demand system was selected to minimise unnecessary light spill into nearby properties while maintaining safe visibility of the crossing.

Ratepayers have not been specifically informed of the cost associated with the installation, and this information is not required to be included in Council updates.

In relation to the recent Hutt City Council survey, 113 respondents voted in favour of installing Belisha Beacon lights.

You 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: [How to make a complaint | Ombudsman New Zealand](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases | Hutt City Council](#)

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R van der Splinter', written in a cursive style.

Rebekah van der Splinter  
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