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Simon Gilmour

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Tēnā koe Simon,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 4 July 2025, noting your observations about the intersection of Boulcott Street and High Street near Hutt Hospital, and requesting information about its design features.

Your original request is as follows:

- *The intersection of Boulcott Street and High Street—near the Hutt Hospital—is a completely controlled intersection for both cars and pedestrians.*
- *The intersection itself is raised, forcing vehicles to slow down even when they have a green light. There are also speed bump signs which say "25".*
- *There are no uncontrolled/zebra crossings which might drive the desire to slow vehicles down.*
- *Probably more than 99% of the usage of this intersection is vehicles.*

Specifically, you have asked:

Please explain why this intersection is raised, forcing vehicles to slow down.

Answer:

In response to your request, the raised platform at the signalised intersection of Boulcott Street and High Street was designed to improve pedestrian safety and visibility. This is particularly important given the intersection's location near Hutt Hospital and the presence of a high number of elderly pedestrians in the area.

The raised design encourages vehicles to slow down and enhances driver awareness, helping to reduce the risk of serious crashes. When the intersection was designed, this approach reflected national best practice for improving safety in areas with vulnerable road users. It was also consistent with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's safety frameworks at the time, including the Vision Zero approach and the Road to Zero strategy.

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.

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