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Our reference: LGOIMA

Dear Richard and Heather

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

We refer to your official information request dated 5 March 2023, for the following information in relation to the recent Woburn Road resurfacing:

- *The amount paid to the major contractor*
- *The amount paid to the traffic management company*
- *I have witnessed these types of resurfacing job many times so am puzzled as to why this one is taking so long. In particular, the preparation of the northern lane went on for at least a week.*

Hutt City Council has not yet received the invoice for the work on Woburn Road from the contractor. We are therefore refusing the first two parts of your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA, on the grounds that Hutt City Council does not hold this information. We recommend that you request this same information from us again at a later date.

In addressing your comments about the time taken to complete the recent road works on Woburn Road, we advise that the works were quite extensive and time consuming because they involved road pavement reconstruction. This requires removal and reconstruction of the structural pavement layers of the road, with an asphalt surface on top (known as pavement reconstruction) – a total of 204 mm of asphalt. In contrast, a resurfacing job, such as recently undertaken on Seaview Road, required only removal and replacement of the top surface layer, involving only 30 mm of asphalt.

The Woburn Road project was known beforehand to be of long duration, given the depth of the reconstruction, the construction methodology and the sequencing of the work to reduce disruption of adjacent businesses. Further, work was undertaken during reduced working hours of 9am to 4pm, to avoid the morning and evening peak hour traffic. There were also unforeseen delays caused by ground conditions on the northern shoulder that required more extensive work, as well as minor asphalt supply issues and wet weather conditions.

At the time of your information request, the final road surface had not been laid on Woburn Road. The work that you observed being undertaken was not re-work, but rather part of the programmed construction. With the final surface now laid on Woburn Road, the driving quality is much improved when compared to the unfinished surface. This unfinished surface was part of the lower structural layer, rather than being the top and final layer of the road surface.

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 [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: [www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contact-us/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contact-us/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Sales', written in a cursive style.

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