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Rachel Gilchrist

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Dear Rachel

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

We refer to your official information request dated 26 February 2025:

*"I received the letter advising of the work in Avalon, on Walters, Gordon and Oxford.*

*It notes "Safety improvements for intersections on both ends of Walters Street" yet there is no blue dot at the Oxford end of Walters Street. Please confirm which is correct, or what the improvements at the Oxford end are.*

*"Avalon project – We appreciate all the feedback that was received when we consulted with the community on the proposed plans in 2023. We have revised the designs, taking community feedback into consideration where possible"*

*You indicate you have refined the plans, where can they be viewed? E.g. how much narrower will the street be, can cars still park on the school side, how tight are the turns out of Walters Street going to be?*

*How does this differ from the original plans?*

*Traffic is shocking even with two sides to turn from Walters onto Oxford, so hopefully there will still be space for two cars, left and right turning. A roundabout would be ideal, but probably not on the cards. So, totally get why some of the work is required.*

*I would like to make a LGOIMA request for the following please:*

1. *how many submissions were received on the Avalon project*
2. *of those received, how many were for or against the proposed work*
3. *what feedback was incorporated into the revised design"*

**Answer:**

You are correct that the letter mentions "safety improvements for intersections on both ends of Walters Street," but there is no blue dot at the Oxford end. To clarify, following consultation, intersection tightening at the Walters Street and Oxford Terrace intersection was removed from the design, and we are proposing to upgrade the courtesy crossing at this intersection to include textured tactiles while we are working in the area.

Regarding design plans, these are not yet available for public release. Once the designs are ready, we will email them to you.

1. Total number of individual formal submissions received: 28  
In addition to this, a resident survey with signatures was also submitted.
2. Breakdown of submissions:
  - In support: 15
  - Against: 8
  - Mixed/Neutral: 4
  - Out of scope: 1
3. Feedback incorporated into the revised design:
  - Additional car parks added on Oxford Terrace.
  - Speed humps on Gordon Street removed.
  - Intersection tightening at Walters Street and Oxford Terrace intersection removed.
  - Phasing of works and temporary traffic management aim to reduce impacts on residents and tamariki coming to school and kindergarten during construction.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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