



18 June 2025

John Wadham

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Dear John

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

We refer to your official information request dated 20 May 2025 for information on mirrors on blind corners. Please find below the responses to your specific questions.

[1] Was the mirror removed by HCC or their contractors?

No

[2] If the response to question [1] is yes- please give full rationale as to why this occurred and who was the designated HCC officer that authorisation removal ?

Not applicable

[3] If the response to question [1] is no -please advise if it was stolen?

The cause of the mirror removal is unknown, though it is suspected to have been dislodged during a recent storm.

[4] If the response to question [3] is yes it was stolen please advise if HCC had it insured ?

The cause of the mirror removal is unknown.

[5] If it was insured, please provide the insurance wording of the relevant part of the HCC insurance policy that deemed it covered?

The mirror was not insured

[6] If it was insured and no duty of care claim was made by HCC, please give detailed reason for HCC not claiming insurance?

The mirror was not insured

[7] Local citizens want to have the mirror replaced as it gave security to elderly and vulnerable people in particular and general citizens alike to alert them on this blind corner as to oncoming traffic allowing drivers to prepare and take precautionary action. Will HCC be replacing it and if not why?

Council does not recommend mirrors as these devices may expose road users to safety risks. This response was already provided on 16/05/2025.

[8] Please provide the details of the supplier of this mirror and its cost to HCC?

Outdoor mirrors are available through local suppliers such as Vanguard. As the mirror is not being replaced Council does not have the full supply and install cost of a mirror.

[9] Would HCC have any objection to local ratepayers placing signage on the site of the mirror asking for users to contribute to replace the mirror.

Council does not support the installation of mirrors due to safety concerns.

[10] If HCC will not permit signage on the site of the mirror will it object to signage asking the same and giving the reasons why on private properties boundaries juxtaposition to the mirror site.

Council does not regulate signage on private property. However, any signage that poses a road safety risk may be subject to enforcement under transport rules and bylaws.

[11] If HCC intends to be obstructive for citizens & ratepayers aim of having the mirror replaced what are the allowed procedural avenues or rights of citizens / ratepayers to object to the HCC refusal to replace the mirror?

We note a request has already been lodged via the Contact Centre, which is the appropriate channel. Further concerns can also be raised with local Councillors if you remain unsatisfied a complaint could be lodged with the Ombudsman.

[12] If it is an [in our view and opinion] some idiotic new policy of your traffic controllers division in not believing such mirrors on blind corners are effective please give firm details why was it installed in the first instance and on whose authorisation?

Advice from Council officers to residents on Pomare Road in 2020 ruled out the use of mirrors on Pomare Road. Records show in 2021 Councils Transport and Asset and Planning Lead ordered mirrors for Pomare Road.

[13] If the HCC are refusing to replace the mirror or claim insurance on it to have it replaced will HCC taken other precautionary action such as installing road judder bars on both approaches to this blind corner to slow traffic?

A safety review of this corner will be completed to assess suitable measures to reduce vehicle speeds at this corner. A Request for Service (RFS #1076271) has been lodged on behalf of Mr Wadham. The Transport Engineering Team will assess the site as part of their standard safety review process, with any recommendations prioritised based on risk, feasibility and available funding.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely

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