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

Thank you for your information request of 17 October 2022 in relation to security in Moera, particularly in the vicinity of Moera park, community hall and library.

We appreciate you voicing your concerns. A safety meeting held earlier in the year was attended by both the Lower Hutt Mayor and Deputy Mayor, in response to growing concerns about crime in Moera. Hutt City Council and NZ Police have enhanced their profiles in the community and have taken other steps to reduce crime in the area, including holding biweekly meetings together.

In response to the concerns of the community, one of Hutt City Council's safe city ambassadors / manu taki has been assigned Moera as a specific place of interest. Patrols are made by safe city ambassadors each morning and afternoon (on rostered days) along the retail strip, library and community centre, and community patrols have also been increased. In conjunction with this, NZ Police has assigned a community officer to Moera and has added the area to its patrolling list. Hutt City Council has updated local retailers on several occasions, by email.

The Council has also completed a safety audit using the National Guidelines for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (see CPTED for more information), and we are now working with police to produce a SARA model report (see here for more information).

In response to your question about monitoring, I can advise that the Council has a CCTV camera at the Moera library. This gives some external focus towards the rear car park and community centre. There are no plans for additional CCTV cameras in Moera at this stage.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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