



5 February 2026

Bruce Barder

s7(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Bruce,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 2 January 2026, seeking emails from residents near the pedestrian crossing at 120 Major Drive who opposed permanent flashing lights. Specifically, you requested:

“Can I OIA emails from residents by the crossing who opposed permanent flashing lights”.

Answer:

In response to your request, please refer to **Appendix 1** below which details the documents in scope of your request and our decision on its release. Please note, some information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Council has considered whether the public interest in release of the withheld information outweighs the need to withhold it and has concluded that it does not.

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: [Office of the Ombudsman – Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases – Hutt City Council](#).

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. van der Splinter', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rebekah van der Splinter

Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

Appendix 1: Documents for release

Number	Date	Document Type	Title/Subject Line	Redaction Grounds
1	27 February 2019 – 22 October 2024	Report	Survey Responses Report	Released to you in full.
2	11 July 2024	Email	Kelson raised pedestrian crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
3	6 August 2024	Email	Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing – Flashing Globes	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
4	6 August 2024	Email	FB Post – Kelson Pedestrian Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
5	6 August 2024	Email	Kelson Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
6	20 September 2024	Email	Major Drive Crossing, Kelson	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
7	25 September 2024	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
8	30 September 2024	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
9	30 September 2024	Email and Previous LGOIMA Response Letter	Flashing Globes – Kelson Pedestrian Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).

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10	1 October 2024	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
11	25 October 2024	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
12	25 October 2024	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing – Attn Rona	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
13	30 October 2024	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
14	8 November 2024	Email	Kelson Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
15	10 November 2024	Email	Flashing lights now on during the day!!	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
16	10 November 2024	Email	Urgent mitigation required – Kelson crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
17	10 November 2024	Email	Urgent mitigation required – Kelson crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
18	14 November 2024	Email	Kelson Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
19	22 November 2024	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing – Attn Rona	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
20	27 November 2024	Email	Kelson crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).

Number	Date	Document Type	Title/Subject Line	Redaction Grounds
21	20 December 2024	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing – Health Effects – Private & Confidential	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
22	14 January 2025	Letter	Kelson Crossing	Released to you in full.
23	24 January 2025	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
24	10 April 2025	Email	Kelson Pedestrian Crossing – Mayor’s Office response	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).
25	13 May 2025	Email	Kelson Crossing Request and Complaint	Some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a).

Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

27 February 2019 - 22 October 2024

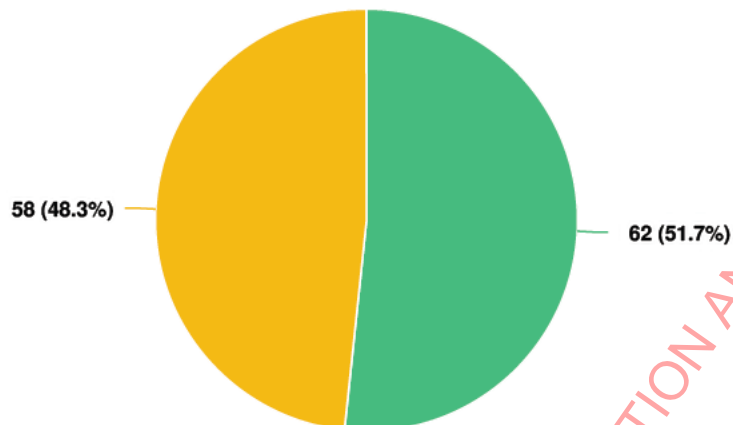
PROJECT NAME:

Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing – Flashing Beacons



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Have you encountered poor visibility due to weather when driving along Major Drive?

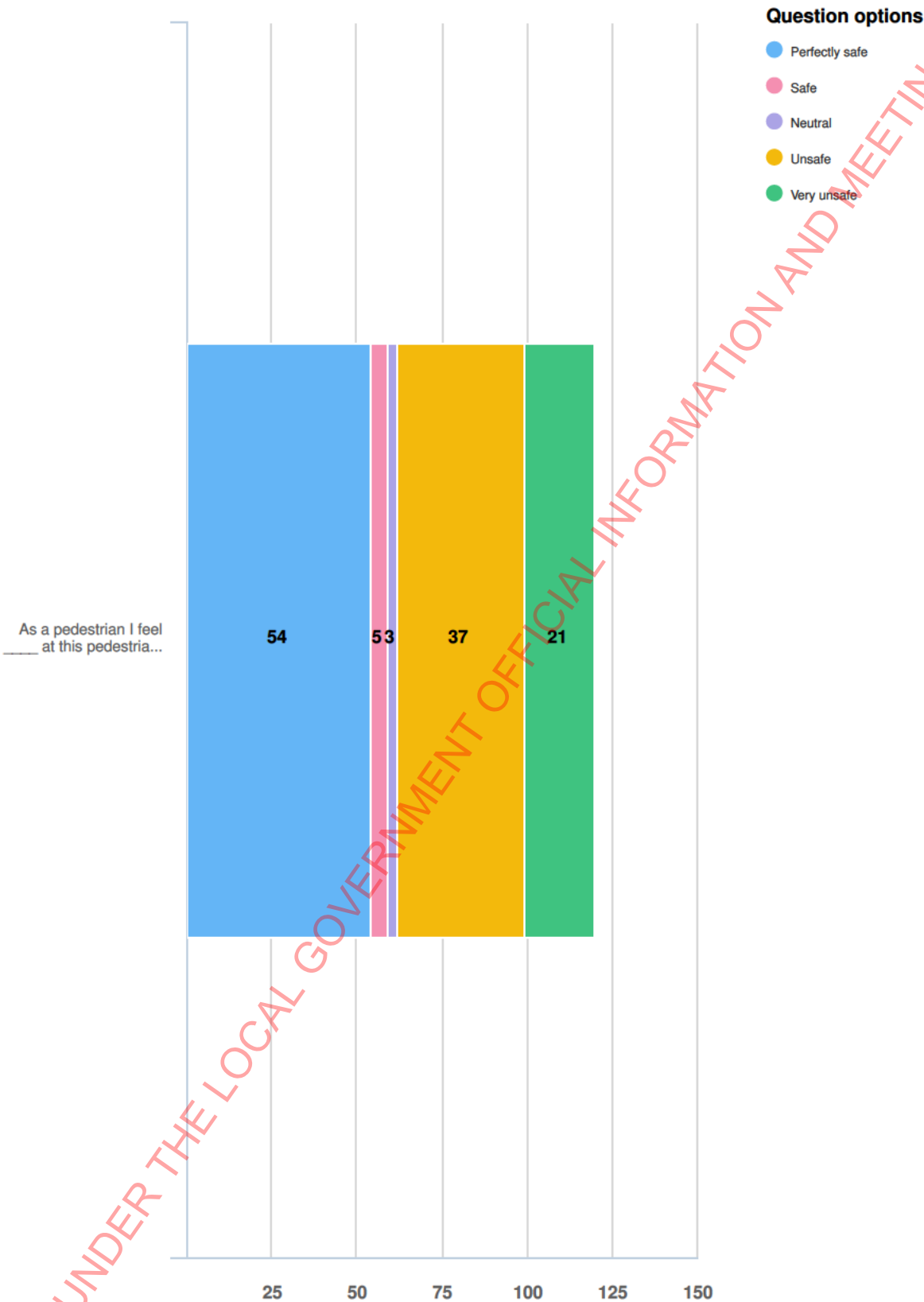


Question options

Yes No

Optional question (120 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

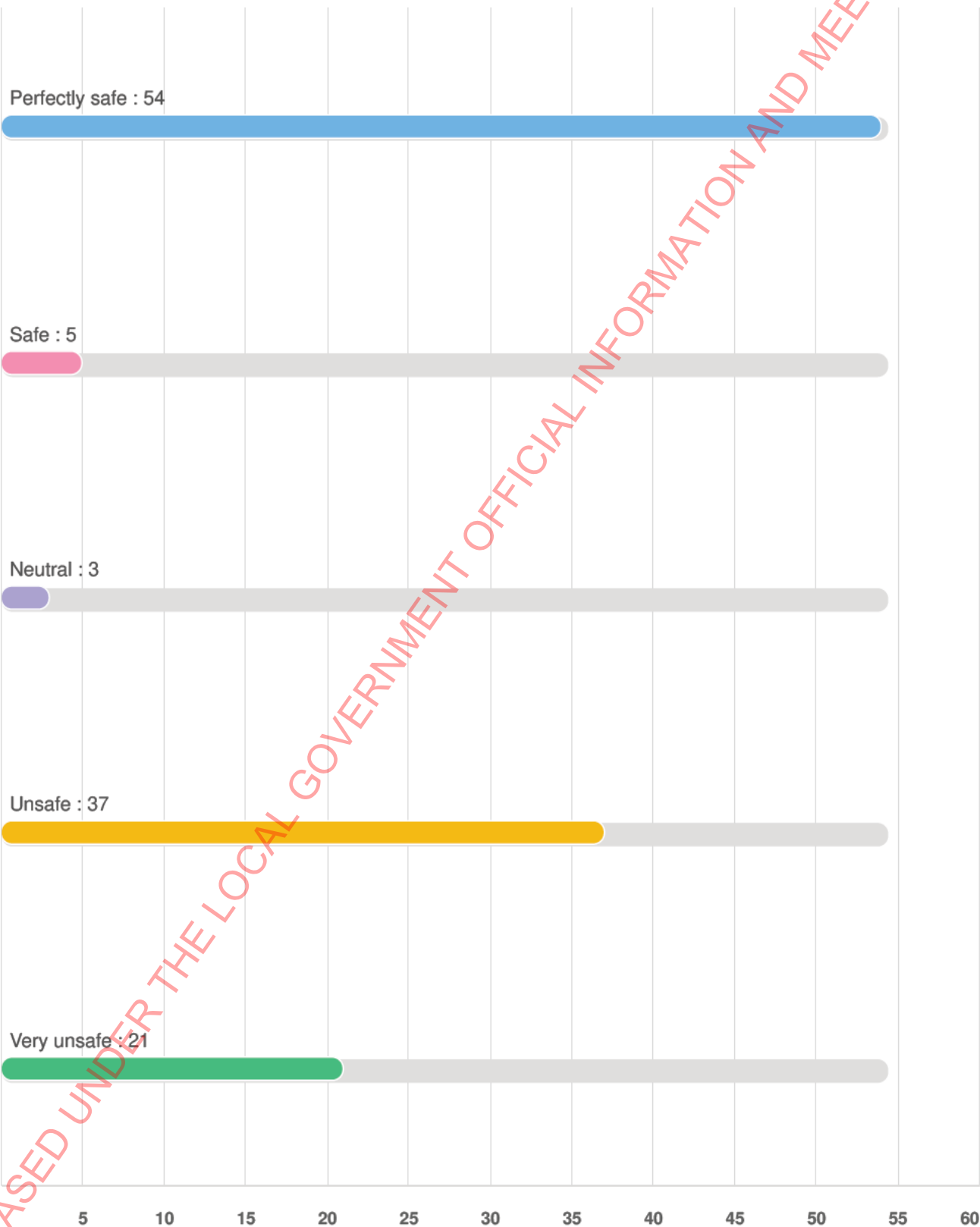
Q2 How safe do you feel as a pedestrian crossing Major Drive at this pedestrian crossing?



Optional question (120 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q2 | How safe do you feel as a pedestrian crossing Major Drive at this pedestrian crossing?

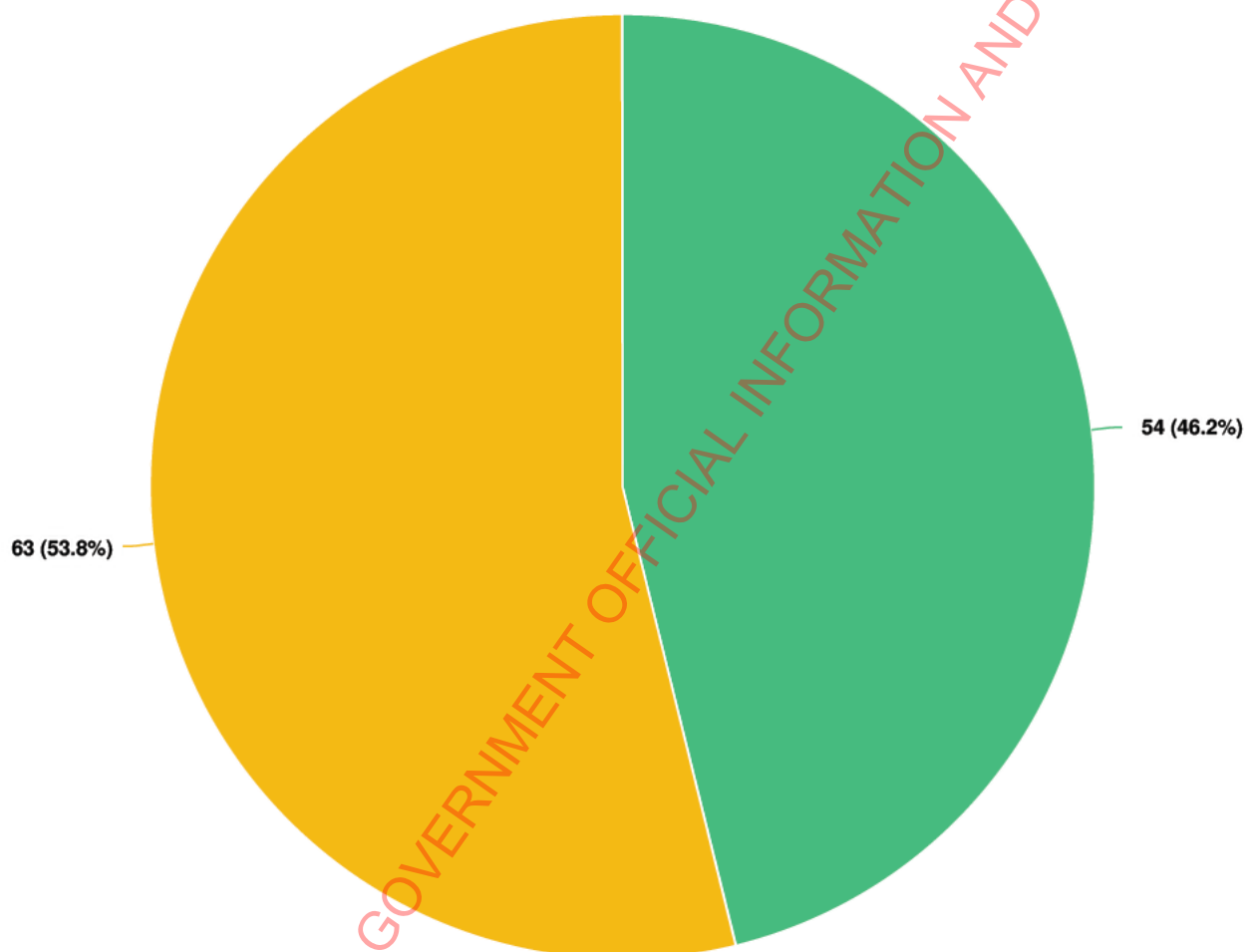
As a pedestrian I feel ____ at this pedestrian crossing



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Q3 Do you have children that walk to Kelson School?



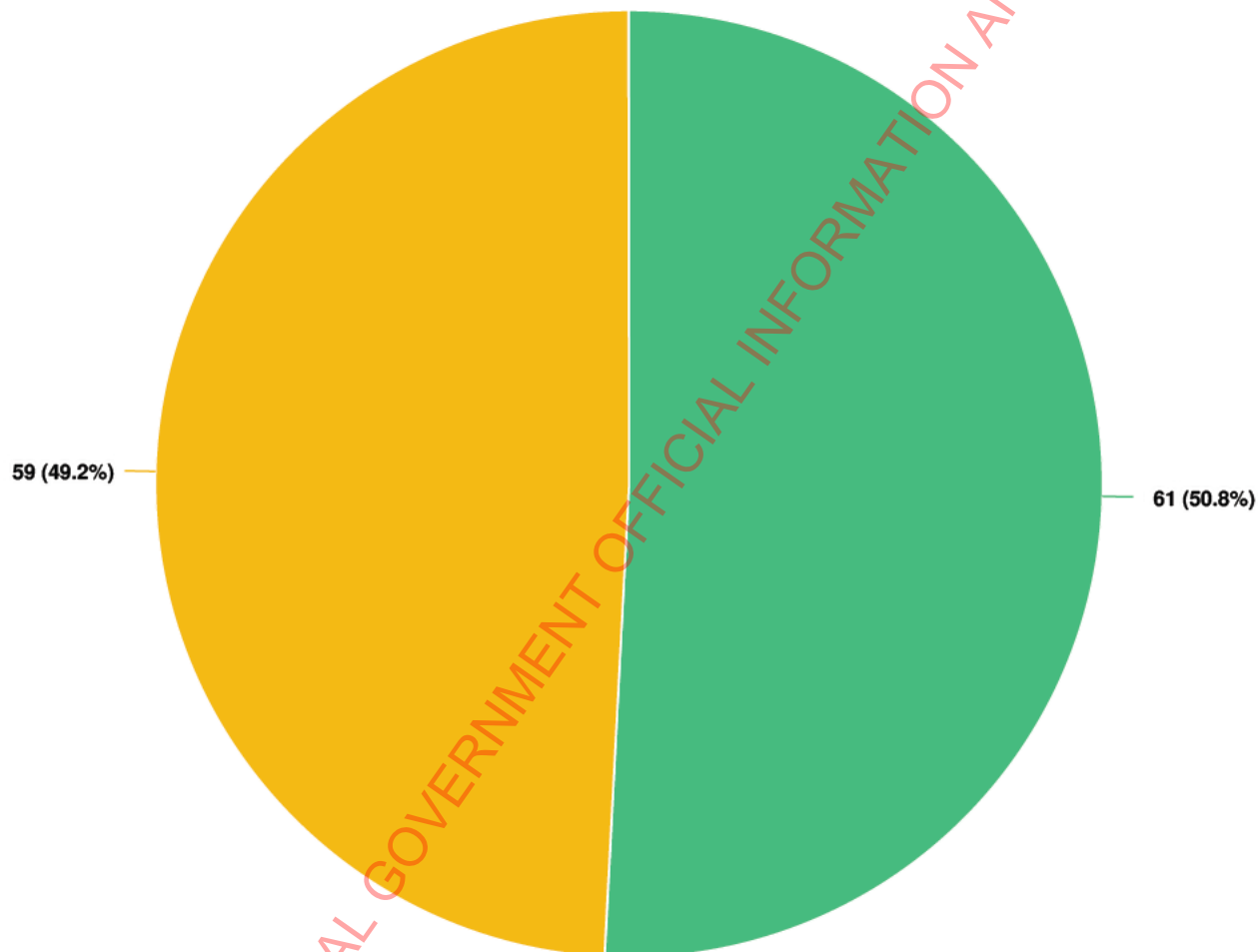
Question options

☐ No ☐ Yes

Optional question (117 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 | Would you support a flashing beacon instead of the existing disc at the pedestrian crossing on Major Drive?



Question options

☐ No ☒ Yes

Optional question (120 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 Please describe how you feel overall about the safety and road environment before and after this raised pedestrian crossing has been installed.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 04:07 PM

N/A

Anonymous

10/18/2024 06:47 PM

When low fog and driving rain needs falshing lights

Anonymous

10/18/2024 06:56 PM

At night we feel unsafe. The pictures you used is very misleading. It is not like that in foggy conditions.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 06:58 PM

took 3 months to get led lights, put in flashing lights for Kelson residents.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:07 PM

Its not that bright as in your photo. Also putting an images with Belisha Beacons the covers like in Connolly Street would be better. Are you wanting to sway the results? Maybe having an option to choose would have been better. We are having a bbq here at home so will have a few surveys coming through. Meg forwarded to me. Karl Dulver

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:12 PM

At night no one see you. Please put the flashing lights in.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:22 PM

Yes- finally what our group is wanting. They were already installed, before the HCC removed them and put in disc.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:24 PM

about time. From frustrated Kelson rate payer

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:25 PM

We got the email from Paul saying it was confirmed - what is all this about? Wasting more ratepaying money. Kelson Road Safety Group

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:27 PM

before was rubbish, after a little better. Took 3 months in winter to get overhead lights. But to make it SAFE put in flashing lights

Anonymous

before it wasnt a proper crossing, so better. But we need flashing

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10/18/2024 07:29 PM

lights bro

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:31 PM

The cars come speeding down and used to it not being a crossing. By time you standing there, they have flown over the speed up. Elderly are a worry. We need to fight for road safety. Clare

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:33 PM

Crap before, looks good at day time. The photo misleading - as not that bright at night. To keep Kelson Safe put in Flashing lights. They should have been in from the start.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:35 PM

We need flashing lights.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:37 PM

Great now its a crossing. We need road patrols with actual signs. We also need flashing lights to let drivers know its a crossing.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:39 PM

Better now throughout the day. At night rain, hail, wind, fog - which happens alot we need a warning system for drivers to realise it is a ped xing. Thank you

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:41 PM

so much better during the day. At night its is another story. No one stops and needs flashing lights. Nga Mihi nui

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:44 PM

So much better but needs flashing lights esp at night. I have a disability, make me slower, drivers cant see, and need better warning. We did get confirmation from Paul Hewitt that they were getting installed. Why the need for this? Bruce

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:53 PM

Current crossing is more than enough to make people safe

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:54 PM

Much better, at night drivers fly over the speed humps, and dont see people standing there. Better finally with overhead lights, but need flashing lights

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:55 PM

Flashing lights not required this is a residential zone

Anonymous

The old crossing was perfectly fine, an upgrade was a waste of

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10/18/2024 07:56 PM

money

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:57 PM

As per council safety report and safety report, flashing lights are not required.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 07:58 PM

Not a priority, this upgrade provides a safe crossing across major drive already

Anonymous

10/18/2024 08:14 PM

Feel better during the day, unsafe at night. we are confused as Paul Hewitt confirmed flashing beacons are to be installed? We support this!!!!

Anonymous

10/18/2024 08:15 PM

I have lived in Kelson over 35 years and agree this crossing needs good lighting, I've seen too many near misses

Anonymous

10/18/2024 08:18 PM

Finally better during the day, not great at night. We need flashing lights to give drivers the best notice. H&S is compromised. Thank you.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 08:27 PM

It has improved. At night not so much took 3 months to get overhead lights, still no road patrols from Kelson School. And we need flashing lights to keep us safe. Ive had some close calls at night, early morning with cars not stopping.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 08:32 PM

The road was perfectly fine before everything was installed. Complete waste of ratepayer money doing this when so few use the crossing

Anonymous

10/18/2024 08:33 PM

Road is fine as is

Anonymous

10/18/2024 08:36 PM

You say "residents" (plural) have raised concerns about visibility during nighttime and foggy conditions. Nighttime does happen each day. But fog is a very rare thing in Kelson. The prime motivation for the crossing was to enhance safe access for school pupils and their associates. The usage of the crossing at night time is very low. The crossing is very well marked and has prior approach notices. The severe 15kph hump reinforces the invitation for drivers to slow down. The crossing area is already very well lit. There are street lights about 50 metres apart straddling the crossing on both sides of the road. In between these street lights there are "overhead LED lights" on both

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sides of the road at the crossing itself. That is 6 lights within about 100 sq metres. I am very skeptical about the effectiveness of the proposed modifications to flashing beacons to "direct light away from homes". Just add the 4th disc and finish the job. You can also remove the berm-mounted "Lights are not commissioned Take extra care" signs - the new (LED) lights are working very well! Terry Stock, 135 Major Drive.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 08:44 PM

The speed bump and current setup is very obvious and I have no concerns about visibility. I'd like to also mention I'm yet to actually have to stop for someone since this has been installed outside of school hours. I felt very safe walking the dog at night crossing prior to it becoming a proper crossing, there was sufficient distance to cross safely once no cars were coming

Anonymous

10/18/2024 09:32 PM

While I wasn't too concerned originally I do like the changes. However the flashing lights seem like an over reach considering this road isn't prone to for or bad weather conditions

Anonymous

10/18/2024 09:39 PM

We need them at night. Lots of fog in Kelson

Anonymous

10/18/2024 09:42 PM

Safer but need more flashing lights at the crossing. Agreed with Paul Hewitt when he emailed confirmation in September.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 10:05 PM

Improved but having flashing lights will help

Anonymous

10/18/2024 10:11 PM

Has been improved should have for \$240K. Should also have flashing lights, the conditions up in Kelson can be extreme. Fog. heavy rain that causes limited visibility. The over head lights blur into the other street lights, and needs something to stand out at night.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 10:13 PM

Unsafe at night. A lot of people use not its a zebra crossing. Needs flashing beacons.

Anonymous

10/18/2024 10:15 PM

E hiahiatia ana ngā rama kōhiko mo te haumarutanga o Kelson

Anonymous

10/18/2024 10:17 PM

Yes overall better. At night not the best, a red car didnt stop, nearly hit a teenager, was about 9pm walking her dog. Needs flashing lights for

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drivers awareness.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 01:50 AM

Before not good. Now better but needs flashing lights to keep everyone safe. Young and old at night and all conditions. A lot fog in Kelson.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 06:25 AM

It is a complete overkill and a waste of rate payer money in my view it was absolutely fine before and now flashing lights ! definitely NOT necessary , the crossing is very well seen without flashing lights . Don't insult drivers and pedestrians intelligence with all this overkill

Anonymous

10/19/2024 07:20 AM

Unsafe at night. Needs flashing lights.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 08:19 AM

Too few using it to justify this excessive cost to date.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 09:28 AM

Better for \$240,000 spend. Needs flashing lights and school patrol arms. At night need flashing beacons as per Paul Hewitts confirmation in September 2024

Anonymous

10/19/2024 10:53 AM

Before- neutral. After - neutral

Anonymous

10/19/2024 11:01 AM

Much better as an actual crossing, needs flashing globes for safety at night. Not visual for drivers, especially with adverse weather conditions. As it happens.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 01:43 PM

Better crossing, at night needs flashing lights the overhead lights get lost in the plethora of street lights. Yes need flashing lights.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 01:46 PM

I still feel unsafe having to cross the road here, even with the new crossing, both at night and when there is bad weather.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 03:00 PM

Safe at night. Photo you have included makes it look like daylight, it is not like that with rain, fog. Whoever decided not to put them in I in the first place should pay to install them. What an error. Last week an elderly person was at the crossing and no cars stopped. Having flashing lights will be better for drivers to spot the crossing.

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Anonymous

10/19/2024 04:11 PM

Considering the flashing globes were installed on the poles, and then taken out. Who ever made that decision should be on a performance plan. Yes please install the flashing globes. Happy for my increased rates to pay for them to go in.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 06:05 PM

Better, Judder bars are carp. At night and with poor visibility/ conditions need flashing beacons. Other new to the area hard to see crossing. Please make it safer. Kia Ora

Anonymous

10/19/2024 06:16 PM

I do not believe that the raised crossing was needed. My children and I have been crossing the street since we moved to Kelson 8 years ago and drivers always took extra care whether adults or children were crossing. The flashing beacons are yet another waste of money and a disturbance to those who live next to the crossing. The current street lights are more than adequate for both drivers and pedestrians during all weather conditions. I usually take walks and occasionally cross the street from there in the early hours of the morning, around 5am. The markings are clear and visible as-is. You have wasted enough money with a raised crossing that is not needed. Please STOP wasting more on yet another vanity project.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 07:29 PM

Its sure not like the photo at night when foggy/ heavy rain. Kelson needs flashing beacon for H&S.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 08:10 PM

The crossing has made me feel safer. Any additional changes are a distraction to drivers.

Anonymous

10/19/2024 09:43 PM

YES! Thats what we need. Can you install flashing beacons. Would be awesome for safety.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 02:15 AM

Better buy need flashing lights at night.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:16 AM

Once the crossing-focused lights are commissioned, the crossing will be more than adequately illuminated for all conditions. Currently, we have the following safety features in place: 4 orange reflectorised discs 3 reflectorised arrow signs 2 handrails with 32 reflectorised points 2 reflectorised limit lines 2 sets of reflectorised crossing lines and diamonds 4 streetlights within 20 meters on either side of the crossing 2 reflectorised advance warning diamonds (yet to be completed) 2 crossing-focused lights (yet to be commissioned)

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Crossing warning signs and flashing speed limit signs well in advance of the crossing in both directions Long sight lines for the approaches These measures are considered appropriate for the safety of the crossing at this time at this point of time.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:16 AM

Belisha beacons are generally installed by Council in areas with night time activity, such as commercial areas (i.e.: Jackson Street, CBD) or near railway stations (ie Cambridge Terrace). Road Safety engineers do not recommend the installation of Belisha beacons in areas where most pedestrians cross during standard day hours. According to the safety engineers, the flashing beacons can be a source of distraction rather than an alert. Drivers might focus more on the flashing lights than on the road and pedestrians themselves, leading to potential safety hazards. Additionally, pedestrians might feel overly secure when crossing at a Belisha beacon during the day, assuming that drivers will always see the flashing lights and stop. This could lead to risky behavior, such as stepping onto the crossing without adequately checking for oncoming traffic.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:17 AM

Over the past decade (2014-2024), there have been no pedestrian crashes at this location, highlighting its relative safety. The presence of a raised crossing naturally slows down traffic, ensuring a safer environment for pedestrians as vehicles must reduce their speed to navigate the raised bump.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:18 AM

The installation of Belisha beacons on Connolly Street versus the use of discs on Major Drive is based on the following considerations: · Night-Time Activity: Connolly Street has higher night-time activity due to its proximity to a supermarket, various commercial areas, and a retirement centre, necessitating enhanced visibility. · Traffic Volume: Major Drive is a purely residential area with relatively less traffic during night-time, making discs a sufficient safety measure. Connolly Street has higher traffic volumes as it is used by traffic using Harcourt Werry Drive as an alternative to SH2. · Consistency: The nearby crossing on Melling Road has Belisha beacons, and maintaining this consistency in high-traffic areas is essential for overall safety. These factors collectively support our decision to prioritize Belisha beacons on Connolly Street while using discs on Major Drive

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:19 AM

The foot traffic doesn't justify any further changes.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:20 AM

No official reports of incidents have been recorded at this crossing. Social media postes should be considered with caution.

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Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:30 AM

It's a waste of money and too much.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:32 AM

As a driver you have to navigate traffic and reversing cars while scanning left and right for teenagers on their bikes, scooters or head looking at their phones who then step or ride out on to the crossing. Flashing lights will just contribute to this visual noise drivers have to negotiate on Major Drive.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:34 AM

This is a wide road and the pedestrian crossing is easily visible. I know direct neighbours have been effected by this change.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:35 AM

Road is very safe to cross. Crossing is easily visible at current

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:36 AM

The road is so wide people will cross anywhere anyway

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:40 AM

Road is safe as is

Anonymous

10/20/2024 08:01 AM

We're wrapping people up in cotton wool in this city.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 08:04 AM

It's very confusing as a driver as there's so much going on with signs and obstacles in an area with school kids wandering across.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 08:17 AM

It is better, at night we need flashing beacons.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 11:08 AM

Unsafe at night, we often get low fog and heavy rain.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 12:10 PM

It has caused huge disruption.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 03:19 PM

Is unsafe at night, especially with times of fog/ driving rain. Need flashing beacons to improve safety.

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Anonymous

10/20/2024 04:18 PM

Better, need flashing beacons and school patrol signs.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:28 PM

Unsafe at night. Cars speeding, not seeing crossing. Alot of fog also.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 07:51 PM

As a driver I find the flashing beacons very distracting. They may be needed in more inner city areas but in no way are needed in residential areas. As this is mostly used as a school crossing very few people would cross at night time hours. It's completely unnecessary and seems to be pushed on the whim of one very selfish man who has no respect for the people who live in the houses this will affect. Word for word from Chris parking email Belisha beacons are generally installed by Council in areas with night time activity, such as commercial areas (i.e.: Jackson Street, CBD) or near railway stations (ie Cambridge Terrace). Road Safety engineers do not recommend the installation of Belisha beacons in areas where most pedestrians cross during standard day hours. According to the safety engineers, the flashing beacons can be a source of distraction rather than an alert. Drivers might focus more on the flashing lights than on the road and pedestrians themselves, leading to potential safety hazards. Additionally, pedestrians might feel overly secure when crossing at a Belisha beacon during the day, assuming that drivers will always see the flashing lights and stop. This could lead to risky behavior, such as stepping onto the crossing without adequately checking for oncoming traffic. How can the advice of safety engineers be over ruled here by one bully.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 08:09 PM

Looks great, I'm sure there will be issues/damage due to the humps. Today at the Belmont humps an Alfa romeo broke is steering arms . Had to be removed by a tow truck (supreme towing). In regards to the flashing beacon, if anyone can't see the crossing they must be blind. It's more visible than ever as it is.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 08:42 PM

Safety engineers advise that flashing beacons such as this are only required in inner city conditions or high traffic. The number of people who potentially use the crossing does not compare to inner city or high traffic. Full consideration must be given to the residents of the properties that will now be negatively impacted as a result of the flashing beacons. I am a hospital nurse, what allowance is there for me when the beacons disrupt my sleep?

Anonymous

10/20/2024 08:49 PM

The old crossing was perfectly fine. This new crossing is a bit much for Kelson & what issue with visibility? Visibility is perfectly fine,

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during the day and the night. Belisha beacons are NOT required. Lighting is more than adequate. My child does not need to use the crossing to get to & from school.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 09:30 PM

Can you install flashing globes. Health and safety issue. At night certain times drivers are not warned enough. And it gets used more now it's an actual crossing.

Anonymous

10/20/2024 10:21 PM

Really needs flashing beacons at night. Not sure why would not have to start with.

Anonymous

10/21/2024 05:17 AM

Just walking now and cars not stopping, drive so fast down hill. Flashing lights will help drivers be more aware.

Anonymous

10/21/2024 06:52 AM

Yes. We need flashing beacons. At night and certain types of weather, need them to warn drivers. Not safe at night. Improvement during the day.

Anonymous

10/21/2024 11:15 AM

Unsafe at night the overhead lights are not enough warning for the drivers, also the steep slope of the road. The new crossing needs them.

Anonymous

10/21/2024 01:32 PM

Much better during the day, be great when school patrol signs in also. Need flashing beacons at night for safety.

Anonymous

10/21/2024 02:48 PM

Unsafe at night. Rain/ fog. School patrols need signs.

Anonymous

10/21/2024 06:35 PM

Please put in Flashing globes on the poles. They were there to start with, and the images you have used give a false sense of reality. It's dark, gloomy and in fog hardly see anything.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 09:56 PM

Yes we support the flashing beacons. At night and foggy nights hard to be seen. Drivers speed past. With the slope of the hill also, needs them.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 04:20 AM

Very safe, council wasting time and money on this.

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Anonymous 10/22/2024 05:19 AM	Waste of money and time
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:18 AM	Talk about over done , this is not a city it is a suburb with no through road 99% of the time it is local drivers who obviously know all about it
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:21 AM	There is plenty of street lighting now ! it is like daytime ! We don't need or want flashing lights
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:23 AM	It is perfectly safe the way it is. No flashing lights needed.
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:25 AM	Flashing lights not needed waste of rate payers money. If you can't see the pedestrian crossing you shouldn't be driving.
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:27 AM	Talk about over doing it and flashing lights . Has anyone considered the poor people who live close who would have flashing lights all night for no pedestrians. THIS IS NOT IN THE CITY , THIS IS A SUBURB ! And a dead end road at that
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:29 AM	Complete waste of money it was fine the way it was unnecessary spending and inconvenience to home owners in the area.
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:32 AM	Pedestrians do have to take responsibility to !! Please don't dumb us down
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:33 AM	This is NOT a highly used pedestrian crossing (only school pick up and drop off times) pedestrians have to take some responsibility for their safety. Flashing lights not necessary!
Anonymous 10/22/2024 07:44 AM	unsafe at night especially when adverse weather conditions. Fog/ driving rain. No flashing lights. I know a group, that i support has been trying since the beginning. Would love to have these installed again. I had seen them in during the install, hen removed. I fully support the re-installation of flashing beacons.
Anonymous 10/22/2024 08:17 AM	Extremely safe , and to be honest i think the whole thing is a bit over the top , as you are well aware most days are not foggy and rainy and on the days when it is , everyone takes extra care , don't insult us !

Flashing beacons are not necessary

Anonymous

10/22/2024 11:59 AM

The old Kea crossing was quite adequate, Kelson school used it in the mornings 0830 until 0850, then again in the afternoons from 1500 to 1515, very few children used it in the mornings and a few more in the afternoons, but it was totally fine, and it served its purpose and was a very safe Kea crossing. As a long-term resident, over 40 years in Kelson, I have never seen an accident on this Kea crossing. I am aware of an incident, many years ago, when a cyclist hit the new kerb island when the kerb islands were first installed on the Kea crossing. The impact this new crossing has had on our neighbourhood is pretty devastating. Noise levels have increased tremendously, sounds and feels like an earthquake every time a bus or truck goes over the road humps. Our house shakes and we now have cracks appearing due to this and the construction activity. It's still a mess outside our house, 5 months after the start of construction, no one has been back to fix up the outstanding issues. Personally, it has caused me a lot of stress and anxiety and is bad for the state of my mental health. This new crossing is so underused, a total overkill for Kelson and a total waste of ratepayers' money. Apart from the school children using it briefly in the mornings and afternoons, school term time only, a few dog walkers and a handful of residents would use the crossing outside the school student's use. But it is here, we have a new crossing in Kelson! Please let this be the end of it. Now the lights over the crossing are working, visibility is perfectly sufficient even on wet and rainy nights. I have been monitoring visibility daily, flashing lights are definitely a big NO from me. The lights have been on over the crossing for 3 weeks now, yet the signs saying "take care lights not commissioned yet" are still there! I feel this survey is a waste of time, as P Hewitt, Head of Transport sent an email on 20/9/24 to K D Dulver saying the flashing lights were going to be installed, which K D Dulver then proudly sent to the school board and this information was also posted on the Kelson community association Facebook page by a Bruce Harder. To me this is a done deal, yet we have been assured since day one of this project that flashing lights were NOT going to be installed. In my opinion flashing lights would be a user distraction on the Major drive crossing. Road Safety engineers do not recommend the installation of Belisha beacons in areas where most pedestrians cross during standard day hours. According to the safety engineers, the flashing beacons can be a source of distraction rather than an alert. Drivers might focus more on the flashing lights than on the road and pedestrians themselves, leading to potential safety hazards.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 03:59 PM

Unsafe at night

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Anonymous

10/22/2024 03:59 PM

This a supplementary submission. According to NZ Transport Agency: "It is better to use Belisha beacons where there are a lot of urban signs and light clutter." This is a suburban residential area and there are no distracting commercial signs / lights etc in the area that might promote supplementary measures to aid driver focus. Your Paul Hewitt, Head of Transport, has provided recent commentary on the crossing. It includes: "the crossing will be more than adequately illuminated for all conditions." "Belisha beacons are generally installed by Council in areas with night time activity, such as commercial areas (i.e.: Jackson Street, CBD) or near railway stations (ie Cambridge Terrace). Road Safety engineers do not recommend the installation of Belisha beacons in areas where most pedestrians cross during standard day hours." Paul Hewitt also outlines some additional risks to driver and pedestrian behaviour posed by Belisha beacons. The proposed installation of flashing beacons therefore runs contrary to NZTA specifications and your own professional advice. I cannot understand how there can be any legitimate concerns about visibility "during nighttime and foggy conditions." I have already commented on the massive amount of street and crossing lighting in the area, and there is copious provision of reflectors. In my observation, the bright orange discs are more eye catching to motorists than globes that are dull in daytime (when almost all crossings occur here). Consideration needs to be given to residents in the neighbourhood. Our housing was not configured to avoid irksome flashing lights, and consideration needs to be given to our well-being. We are already suffering from the severe hump at the crossing. This is earth shaking with heavy vehicles. We are also suffering new excess noise created from greater vehicle acceleration, that was not previously needed when vehicles had more momentum. Terry Stock, 135 Major Drive.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 04:18 PM

It is perfectly reasonable as it is, flashing beacons aren't going to do anything besides waste time and money.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 05:09 PM

Insult to residents who worked with the council from the beginning to have discs installed. Also completely contradicts the safety report produced by Paul Hewitt in August 2024.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 05:34 PM

Lots of fog at times, need flashing light to warn drivers. I live by the crossing and at odds with other neighbours views.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 06:36 PM

N/A

Anonymous

Gee give the surrounding home owners (rate payers) a break they

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10/22/2024 07:04 PM

have had there home environment turned upside down with new crossing already. If drivers can't see the new crossing they shouldn't be on the road. Perfectly safe the way it is flashing lights not necessary!!

Anonymous

10/22/2024 07:07 PM

To my understanding one resident has raised concerns. This shouldn't dictate what the general households in area want. No flashing lights needed end of story.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 07:08 PM

If drivers can't see the eye sore of the new pedestrian crossing they shouldn't be on the road ridiculous!! No flashing lights needed.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 07:14 PM

This is not a major road . Most residents traveling over the pedestrian crossing know it's there. If you can't see it please stop driving. The residents near the crossing have been disrupted enough most have lost street parking due to bus stops. No more disruption needed.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 08:13 PM

I personally that the new crossing wasn't required as the previous school crossing was perfectly adequate - this new crossing has had little if any impact on the speedsters in anything, it hardly slows them down at all.

Anonymous

10/22/2024 09:30 PM

With some weather can hardly see crossing at night. Also nearly every other crossing in Lower Hutt has flashing beacons. Fully support these.

Optional question (115 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

From: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2024 8:27 am
To: transport_referrals
Cc: Andrea Mitchell
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Kelson raised pedestrian crossing

Thanks team!

s7(2)(a) responded this morning with more questions. Please see her response below.

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 7:53 AM
To: Hayley Singleton Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz
Cc: Chris Bishop Christopher.Bishop@parliament.govt.nz
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Kelson raised pedestrian crossing

Kia ora Hayley,

Please see my responses in red below.

Project Origin: The crossing upgrade was initiated by Hon Chris Bishop in 2018, this project responds to the community's call for a for a safer crossing point on this busy road. The crossing is designed to enhance safety for the entire community, not just the nearby residents. Input from the broader community and the school has been essential throughout the project.

- Who does the 'community' / 'boarder community' entail exactly? Please provide groups or number of individuals or homeowners consulted prior to the crossing being approved. For example, property owners at Major Drive who are also effected by the crossing were not consulted.
- I am now aware that the crossing upgrade was initiated Chris Bishop in 2017 (earliest I am aware of), see attached petition, not 2018.
- Agree the crossing is designed to enhance safety for the entire community but it is having a massive impact on near by residents, which is why I am contacting you. My issue does not lie with the raised crossing, it lies with the lack of engagement by HCC with homeowners, location, positioning, upgrade (as opposed to retrofitting), lighting, increased noise and the non-mention of this in our 2022 LIM report.
- As requested please provide updated statics for foot use of this crossing, as in September 2018 HCC stated "on these volumes a pedestrian crossing facility is not warranted. In fact, at these levels there would need to be more than 100 pedestrians an hour to warrant a pedestrian crossing". Please provide reasoning why this opinion was changed.

Engagement: During the detailed design stage, we engaged with residents and user groups to refine the final design. Based on feedback from you and the wider community, we collaborated to adjust the crossing design, to better meet community needs. We felt entirely backed in to the corner by this, as we had no choice, the below changes to the design to address our concerns were a last resort and is not something

we take as a win by any means. For example, alternative designs were not and still have not been provided to us. As a member of the community, I am aware of several other locations would have been better serving to the community, including alternative access points for the school being Kelso Grove and Taikeri Crescent. A safer option would have been to have all school drop offs on these side streets where the school boarders. I am pushing HCC to think about future decisions, consult the community properly and spend tax payer money wisely.

In response to some of your specific concerns:

1. We ensured the alignment of the crossing does not obstruct the view from your bedroom. Correct thank you, the crossing does however look right down between the edge of the house and the fence. I worry for our security as this is now more visible to the public. We have had to install cameras because of this.
2. To prevent night light issues, we retained the current belisha discs and did not upgrade to belisha beacons, as you suggested. We will monitor this to ensure pedestrian safety is maintained. Thank you. I have also asked for light shields to be installed and for the street light outside [REDACTED] Major Drive to be dimmed. Please also confirm the controlled crossing school signs will not be installed as per the design.
3. The crossing was shifted south to maintain parking availability outside [REDACTED] Major Drive. These changes were accepted and I thank Amin for this. We felt we had no choice in the say, as mentioned above. This does not discount however that many of my other requests for alternative designs and foot traffic data was dismissed and we were told during our first council meeting the crossing had been approved (was already approved in March 2023). Please provide number of 'residents consulted' and when during the development of this project.

Additionally,

- If there is noise coming from the signs, we can install padding to reduce this. No current noise from signs, I will be sure to let you know.
- The raised crossing is expected to reduce speeding which should also decrease traffic noise. Expected yes, but that is not what is happening, since the crossing has been installed, we have had an increase in noise through cars speeding over the raised crossing, loud banging from tucks, utes and trailers and increased breaking and speeding up noises.
- The ramp is designed to be mild, ensuring minimal braking noise. Designed yes, but that is not what is happening, we hear breaking and speeding back up noise. When travelling south you slow down to get over the crossing then speed up the hill, similar situation on the norther side. We also hear the break between old and new asphalt.
- Regarding the wastewater pipe, maintenance will not be an issue. Wellington Water can access and maintain the pipe as needed. Not of my concern at present.

LIM Report and Project Timing:

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- Can you please provide me with the earliest discussion, planning and design for this crossing.
- Please provide a budget breakdown of the long term plan, specifically relating to page 64 of the long term plan "pedestrian crossings new".
- Disagree profusely that the community was well informed. The earliest Chris Bishop knew about the crossing was 14 March 2023. We as property owners did not receive a submission letter until 15 August 2023, six months after the crossing was posted on social media. [REDACTED] Major Drive did not

receive a submission letter at all. This further proves my point of the lack of engagement and my disappointment with HCC.

Parking Spaces:

We acknowledge your concern about parking spaces. Major Drive still offers ample parking, and the small loss of parking spaces is justified by the significant safety improvements provided by the crossing, which have been requested for many years.

- Disagree, as you are aware many of the houses on Major Drive have sloped drives which are unable to be parked on. Home owners therefore choose to park on street. I encourage the Major to undertake a site visit to properly evaluate the situation over several weeks. This is not considered to be a small loss by the residents. This is a major loss as we have elderly and disabled in our community who continue to be forgotten about.

Bus Stop Relocation:

Regarding the bus stop outside s7(2)(a) Major Drive, we will communicate with Greater Wellington Regional Council and Metlink, as they manage bus stops. We will provide more information once we hear from them.

- Much appreciated, please provide a contact detail for GWRC and Metlink so I can follow this up.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: transport_referrals <transport_referrals@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 3:12 PM
To: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Andrea Mitchell <Andrea.Mitchell@huttcity.govt.nz>; transport_referrals <transport_referrals@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Kelson raised pedestrian crossing

Kia ora Hayley,
 Approved response from Paul Hewitt, Head of Transport.

Thank you for your email regarding the raised pedestrian crossing on Major Drive in Kelson. We acknowledge your concerns and appreciate the time you've taken to engage with us throughout the project..

We have responded to your comments, hoping to address your concerns. Please reach out again if you have any further questions.

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Nga mihi

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Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 2:23 PM
To: transport_referrals <transport_referrals@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Andrea Mitchell <Andrea.Mitchell@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Kelson raised pedestrian crossing

Kai ora team,

Any updates on this one? Chris Bishop's office are chasing me on it.

Hayley Singleton

Mayor's Office Coordinator

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central, Lower Hutt 5010

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From: Hayley Singleton
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 8:26 AM
To: transport_referrals <transport_referrals@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Andrea Mitchell <Andrea.Mitchell@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Kelson raised pedestrian crossing

Kia ora Team,

Please see email to MP Chris Bishop and the Mayor from s7(2)(a) below. Could you please draft a response to come from the Mayor's Office?

Thank you.

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 10:44 PM
To: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris.Bishop@parliament.govt.nz
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson raised pedestrian crossing

To Mayor Campbell Barry & Hon Chris Bishop,

I am contacting you regarding the raised pedestrian crossing currently near completion of construction on Major Drive, Kelson. My partner and I are the property owners of [REDACTED] Major Drive and have been directly affected by this project. I do not believe the crossing was a necessary use of rate payer's funds given its infrequent use by the community and believe a retrofit of the old crossing would have been much more cost effective. Despite attempting to have some input into the crossing through the appropriate channels by engaging with the council, project manager, stakeholders and through a formal submission, I feel very unheard, unseen and emotionally drained from this process.

I am upset that the direct emotional, mental and financial stress this project has had and will continue to have on my family and our neighbours, was not considered at all. We feel we have been overlooked by the

council and key advocates for the crossing, who are unaffected by this designs, opinions have held more weight due to their standing in the community.

To further add to our frustration, the raised pedestrian crossing was not mentioned when we bought the property in December 2022 despite planning for the new crossing and campaigns from Chris Bishop beginning prior to this (2018) <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1637655599614652>. The council LIM report from 2022 also stated: **"The council's long-term community plan does not list any road projects in the immediate area of the property."** I believe this is a significant oversight by the Council and this proposed change to the crossing should have been mentioned in the report as it ultimately would have effected our decision to buy 131 Major Drive.

In addition to this, my other key issues with crossing and the "consultation" process are:

- My submission (attached) was never truly heard by the council as the crossing had already approved the design prior to meeting with home owners. This request for submissions was rather seen as a tick box exercise when for us the home owners, it is out day to day lives being affected.
- Kelson School and unaffected parties had a large input into the crossing and home owners who the crossing directly effects were given none.
 - The only incidents that have ever arisen are as a direct consequence of building the crossing. Firstly, when the original crossing was put in a cyclist collided with one of the footpath islands. Secondly, the prolonged build of this crossing has resulted in a number of parents changing their pick-up of children from Kelson school to Kelso Grove. This has resulted in an increase in foot traffic where a near miss occurred when a child ran out in front of a car.
- Noise has significantly increased at our property from buses, cars and utes driving over the crossing and speeding up/down. The house also now rattles when trucks and buses pass. Ultimately, the raised crossing has not changed the speed of vehicles because driving behaviour has not changed. This increase in noise is effecting my families sleep, health and everyday lives.
- We are considering selling our house because of the severe mental and emotional negative impact this has had on us.
- There is also now a bus stop outside s7(2)(a) Major Drive which we were not consulted on nor was it in the attached plans for the crossing. This further increases the blow of not being heard or considered by Council, as noise will again increase significantly, privacy decreased and now parking spaces are at a all time low but are required for safe access by disabled parents to enter our home. Could you please provide justification as to why the bus stop was required to be moved and seek for it to stay in its original place, our community has already been impacted enough.

I am ultimately seeking compensation for the significant noise increase and privacy issues this crossing and now bus stop has and will continue to cause to my family, as this is absolutely unacceptable.

Happy to meet and discuss this further but until then, I look forward to your written response.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Saturday, 21 September 2024 8:31 am
To: Paul Hewitt
Cc: Chris Parkin
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing - Flashing Globes

Good morning Paul,

I am of the understanding the Hutt City Council has now decided to install flashing globes at the Major Drive pedestrian crossing in Kelson. This seems unusual given an analysis was conducted and the evidence indicated they were not needed and may actually create further risks to pedestrians.

I am also of the understanding there is a small group of vocal Kelson residents calling themselves the Kelson road safety group which have put forward a number of subjective complaints to have them installed. Please understand Kelson has a population of ~3000 people of which this group is a minority and there are a number of different, evidence based opinions in regards to the crossing.

Can you please explain why there has been a change in the council's decision? There can be some really dangerous drivers out there and unfortunately unless we're looking at installing an underpass or overbridge, there will be some risks to pedestrians as a result of driving behaviour. Risks, which evidence suggests, the beacons will increase.

Chris, I have included you so you can continue to advocate and represent all members of the community. It seems there is a lot of continued interest about the cost.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

On Thu, 15 Aug 2024 at 23:01, Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

No response yet. Officers got a lot of questions from multiple people so I was told it was going to take longer than usual, Sorry.

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 8:13:09 AM
To: Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing - Flashing Globes

Hi Chris,

Any response from the officer to your questions?

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

On Sat, 10 Aug 2024 at 22:57, Chris Parkin

<Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz><<mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>>> wrote:

We will see if I was correct or not :)

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From: s7(2)(a)

Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 3:12:43 AM

To: Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing - Flashing Globes

Thanks Chris,

I look forward to the officer's response to clarify these assumptions.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

On Sat, 10 Aug 2024, 13:24 Chris Parkin,

<Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>>> wrote:

I'm expecting them to attach the signs in the same way they have done in Maungaraki (to the current posts) insulation costs would be minimal.

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From: s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a)

Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 12:19:22 AM

To: Chris Parkin

<Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>>>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing - Flashing Globes

Hi Chris,

While the cost I was provided was approximate, \$10,000.00 seems like a significant difference between the two figures. I just want to know which is correct. If you are comfortable that the revised figure of \$219,500.00 is correct then that is sufficient.

Thank you - I would appreciate being informed of the officer's response to your questions.

Money would be saved if they were not installed at this point. The signs are a sunk cost and could be utilised on a Kea crossing (of which this crossing is not). Further, I assume contractors would have to be paid to install the signs so there are additional costs here. There are numerous other crossings across the Hutt Valley which require upgrading and it seems a lot of ratepayers money is being spent on a select few.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

On Sat, 10 Aug 2024 at 12:42, Chris Parkin

<Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz<mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz><mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>>>> wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

What question would like me to ask offices regarding the difference in costs? The one you have provided is an approximate, I've already said yes I would appreciate the full breakdown as a couple of people have already asked.

Re: the crossing signs. I've been sent the following questions to offices based on a conversation with residents this morning.

"School signs

What will the signs look like? An image would be appreciated. Are they going to hang off the current posts or do they require new polls? (using the current posts would be preferred as this reduces visual clutter)

How is the school intending on using the crossing signs? What benefits do they have and have any alternatives been looked at? (I'm assuming its safety based, if so what safety benefits do signs provide)

Were the signs asked for in the initial consultation?

Why were the signs not included in the original design?"

Offices have said already that the signs should be installed within the next two weeks, so I'm not sure that the questions are going to change anything*. This has been at the request of the school. . (*Nor would it save money if they are not installed at this point as they are most likely to have been ordered a long time ago or they are being re-used.)

Nga mihi,

Chris

From: s7(2)(a)

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Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2024 11:25 PM

To: Chris Parkin

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing - Flashing Globes

Thanks Chris,

Please find attached the cost of the pedestrian crossing provided to me on the 6th of August 2024.

Can you please advise what the next steps are in the consideration of the school patrol signs?

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

On Sat, 10 Aug 2024 at 11:37, Chris Parkin

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Yes, that's my understanding as far as council is concerned.

If other member of the community keep asking for the flashing lights then that's up to them, but the evidence for the need or effectiveness in this situation isn't convincing.

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From: s7(2)(a)
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Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2024 10:32:16 PM

To: Chris Parkin

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing - Flashing Globes

Thanks Chris,

Can I infer from this safety update that the flashing globes are no longer in question and we are just discussing the consideration of installation of school patrol signs?

I assume there are no further changes or costs planned for the crossing than what has already been brought up?

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

On Sat, 10 Aug 2024 at 01:08, Chris Parkin

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Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Please find offices response below

The response from Paul Hewitt, Head of Transport follows:

1. Safety Analysis:

* Streetlighting

Council's streetlighting team is actively working on connecting the streetlights for commissioning. However, it is anticipated that it will take about a month for the lights to be commissioned. While awaiting the commissioning of the streetlights, the Council has taken interim safety measures. Traffic cones and custom-made signs stating 'Lights are not commissioned, take extra care' have been placed at both approaches to the crossing, as illustrated in the below picture.

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Once the crossing-focused lights are commissioned, the crossing will be more than adequately illuminated for all conditions. Currently, we have the following safety features in place:

- * 4 orange reflectorised discs
- * 3 reflectorised arrow signs
- * 2 handrails with 32 reflectorised points
- * 2 reflectorised limit lines
- * 2 sets of reflectorised crossing lines and diamonds
- * 4 streetlights within 20 meters on either side of the crossing
- * 2 reflectorised advance warning diamonds (yet to be completed)
- * 2 crossing-focused lights (yet to be commissioned)

- * Crossing warning signs and flashing speed limit signs well in advance of the crossing in both directions
- * Long sight lines for the approaches

These measures are considered appropriate for the safety of the crossing at this time at this point of time.

* Belisha beacons

Belisha beacons are generally installed by Council in areas with night time activity, such as commercial areas (i.e.: Jackson Street, CBD) or near railway stations (ie Cambridge Terrace). Road Safety engineers do not recommend the installation of Belisha beacons in areas where most pedestrians cross during standard day hours.

According to the safety engineers, the flashing beacons can be a source of distraction rather than an alert. Drivers might focus more on the flashing lights than on the road and pedestrians themselves, leading to potential safety hazards. Additionally, pedestrians might feel overly secure when crossing at a Belisha beacon during the day, assuming that drivers will always see the flashing lights and stop. This could lead to risky behavior, such as stepping onto the crossing without adequately checking for oncoming traffic.

* Crash History

Over the past decade (2014-2024), there have been no pedestrian crashes at this location, highlighting its relative safety. The presence of a raised crossing naturally slows down traffic, ensuring a safer environment for pedestrians as vehicles must reduce their speed to navigate the raised bump.

1. On demand flashing bulbs like under the Dowse Dr interchange?

While on-demand flashing bulbs are a valuable feature, Dowse Drive is an isolated instance. To maintain consistency and standardisation throughout Lower Hutt, council officers are focusing on implementing either Belisha discs or Belisha beacons at pedestrian crossings. These options align with our goal of providing a uniform approach to pedestrian safety across the area.

Additionally, unconventional solutions like on-demand flashing bulbs could present challenges related to supplier availability and ongoing maintenance costs. By standardising with Belisha discs or beacons, council officers can ensure more reliable support and cost-effective maintenance.

1. School Patrol Signs:

The school patrol signs had been removed to enable the construction of the new raised pedestrian crossing. During the consultation stage, the potential noise from the school patrol signs was discussed. However, the council did not commit to excluding the installation of the signs at any point. After further discussion with the school and strong support for having the signs reinstated to ensure the safe operation of the school patrol, the council is now looking to reinstall them.

The residents outside the crossing are against the reinstatement of the signs, while the school strongly supports their return.

It is anticipated that the school Patrol Crossing signs will be installed within the next fortnight.

1. Construction Costs:

The cost of this particular crossing, which is part of a package of four crossings, reflects several factors including its size, the scope of upgrading or constructing a new crossing, traffic management requirements, and the need for additional infrastructure such as islands. While many crossings in the package were below \$150,000, this one is higher at \$219.5K due to the extensive width of Major Drive and the associated complexities. A detailed report, including the tendering process and market costs, can provide further clarity on these expenses.

The procurement for the crossing construction was conducted through direct procurement, as we have an established transport panel in place. This process ensures that we engage with pre-approved suppliers who are equipped to handle such projects efficiently.

1. Connolly Street vs Major Drive

The installation of Belisha beacons on Connolly Street versus the use of discs on Major Drive is based on the following considerations:

- **Night-Time Activity:** Connolly Street has higher night-time activity due to its proximity to a supermarket, various commercial areas, and a retirement centre, necessitating enhanced visibility.
- **Traffic Volume:** Major Drive is a purely residential area with relatively less traffic during night-time, making discs a sufficient safety measure. Connolly Street has higher traffic volumes as it is used by traffic using Harcourt Werry Drive as an alternative to SH2.
- **Consistency:** The nearby crossing on Melling Road has Belisha beacons, and maintaining this consistency in high-traffic areas is essential for overall safety.

These factors collectively support our decision to prioritize Belisha beacons on Connolly Street while using discs on Major Drive.

From: s7(2)(a)

To: Chris Parkin

Cc: Paul Hewitt

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing - Flashing Globes

Hi Chris,

Thank you for your response.

I will not be able to make the meeting unfortunately but it would seem there are a few people in the community who will stop at nothing short of a foot bridge or a tunnel to ensure pedestrian safety on that part of Major Drive. Please understand this is not the position of the majority of the community and we are tired of the money being spent on the crossing.

Could you please let me know of the outcome of the safety update?

s7(2)(a)

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kin@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz)>>>>> wrote:

The FB post, as you said, has been made by an individual not associated with HCC. So, it's not council asking for this but a member of the community. I've asked officers for a report on the situation including a safety update.

Nga mihi,
Chris Parkin

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From: s7(2)(a)
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To: Paul Hewitt

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing - Flashing Globes

Good morning Paul,

I am contacting you in regards to multiple posts that have been spread across the Kelson community Facebook pages regarding the consideration of the installation of flashing globes on the recently upgraded pedestrian crossing. I can only assume that you know something about these posts as consultation has not been requested through official Hutt City Council communication channels.

In short, the crossing is more than visible enough at night/during fog. It has been clearly marked and increased lighting has been installed above the crossing which is yet to be activated. The council has spent enough time and money improving the crossing and it is now up to the community and Police to change driving behaviour to get any further benefits on pedestrian safety. Any additions such as flashing globes or crossing arms are a weak excuse to spend more money on the crossing.

The flashing globes were not included in the final design as they were not deemed to be required based on the amount of foot traffic the crossing gets. I'm not sure who at the council is undecided on this as the non-installation of flashing globes was confirmed and agreed upon by the project manager and Head of Transport.

I was of the understanding the crossing was finished but it seems someone at the council or in the community has a desire to continue to throw more money at it.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)
To: [Marc White](#); [Amin Shahin](#); [Amin Shahin](#); [Stratos Efstratiou](#); [Paul Hewitt](#); [Anita Manda](#); [Chris Parkin](#); chrisbishopoffice@parliament.govt.nz
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FB Post - Kelson Pedestrian Crossing.
Date: Tuesday, 6 August 2024 12:49:45 am

Good morning folks,

Last evening we happened across a Facebook post stating: -

"New Pedestrian Crossing....Council are undecided on whether to install the flashing globes either side of the crossing (these globes do have a shade so homes dont experience flashing see photo). Do you think the crossing visible enough at night/during fog? Please email Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz ASAP if you support the globes"

This is disappointing to see, as the consultation period has long past, the design has been agreed and approved and the construction is virtually complete. We were advised by Anita Manda on 10/07/2024 that the project was finished and no changes would be made to the construction as it existed then. The subject of the beacons was discussed and it was stated by Anita that they would not be installed for the good reasons she stated.

With regards to the Facebook post a key point that needs to be mentioned in relation to that, is that the Crossing focused lights are yet to be commissioned and when they are the crossing will be more than adequately illuminated for any conditions.

We have 4 x orange reflectorised discs, 3 x reflectorised arrow signs, 2 x handrails with 32 reflectorised points across them, 2 x reflectorised limit lines, 2 x sets of reflectorised crossing lines and diamonds, 4 x street lights within 20 meters of either side of the crossing, 2 x reflectorised advance warning diamonds (yet to be completed) and 2 x Crossing Focused lights (yet to be commissioned). There are crossing warning signs and flashing speed limit signs well in advance of the crossing in both directions and the sight lines are long for the approaches.

If a driver cannot discern from all these cues that there is a pedestrian crossing ahead, then perhaps they should consider if they should be driving at all.

To be clear we say No to the flashing lights.

Thank you & Regards

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)
To: [Paul Hewitt](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson Crossing
Date: Tuesday, 6 August 2024 7:59:38 am

Hi Paul

The crossing is more than visible enough at night/during fog. It has been clearly marked and increased lighting has been installed above the crossing, to be activated in due course. The flashing globes were not included in the final design as they were not deemed to be required based on the amount of foot traffic the crossing gets. I'm not sure who at the council is undecided on this as the non-installation of flashing globes was confirmed and agreed upon by the project manager and Head of Transport. I am of the understanding the project cost is now in excess of \$250k. I would prefer to see the increase in rates spent elsewhere.

We can see the crossing from our house and apart from school pick up and drop off times it is sparingly used. Fog in Kelson is not what you would call the norm wind yes fog no! I feel a bit of personal responsibility is needed here! Low speed limit during school hours is in place and we have lived here for over 20 years and can only recall one accident at the old crossing and that was not serious.

Please use our rates wisely we don't think this is needed. It has taken the council over a decade to install a crossing that the community has been asking for and now we have an over priced monstrosity that you are still wanting to spend unnecessarily.

s7(2)(a)

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 20 September 2024 4:27 pm
To: Paul Hewitt; J Small
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Major Drive Crossing, Kelson

Hi Paul,

Why. We have had many conversations about this and a safety report from yourself that they will not be installed, this is beyond ridiculous.

From: Paul Hewitt
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 3:44:26 PM
To: s7(2)(a)
Subject: Major Drive Crossing, Kelson
Kia ora s7(2)(a)

I am getting you know that a decision has been made to install belisha beacons on the crossing in Kelson.

Our team are now working on arranging for the belisha's to be installed.

The team will be in touch with you to discuss this matter and how the belisha's will be shielded.

Regards

s7(2)(a)

Paul Hewitt

Head of Transport

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central, Lower Hutt 5010

P: s7(2)(a) **W:** www.huttcity.govt.nz



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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2024 9:44 pm
To: Paul Hewitt
Cc: Jon Kingsbury
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson Pedestrian Crossing.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hi Paul,
I trust you are feeling better and I look forward to hearing from you soon re a meeting.
I thought I would also include some previous comments about the lights/lighting situation.
Regards.

s7(2)(a)

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From: s7(2)(a)
To: [Jon Kingsbury](#); [Paul Hewitt](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson Pedestrian Crossing
Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 11:20:51 pm
Attachments: [IMG_20240930_222709.jpg](#)
[IMG_20240930_222304.jpg](#)
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Good morning Paul and Jon,
New street light pole installed today and crossing focused lights have been activated this evening.

It's like daylight out there now. More than enough lighting, nothing more required. No flashing lights needed.

Pictures attached fyi.

Regards

s7(2)(a)

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From: s7(2)(a)
To: Paul Hewitt; Hayley Singleton; Christine Poole-Alefaio
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Flashing Globes - Kelson Pedestrian Crossing
Date: Thursday, 7 November 2024 10:13:32 pm
Attachments: image001.png
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To Paul, Hayley and Christine,

I am seeking remediation of the flashing globes that have been installed on the Major Drive pedestrian crossing in Kelson.

To date employees of the council have had to deal with very emotive and threatening emails about the Kelson Pedestrian Crossing from s7(2)(a) which, as I'm sure you're aware, has included threats of lawyers, the media and that "someone should lose their job." I will keep my email professional to make my point but also need to paint the reality of what residents are now living with outside their houses.

Firstly is the noise pollution. The council argued that we would hear less noise from vehicles passing by our houses as they were going at a decreased speed. This is not the case. A distinct bump can be heard where vehicles change from the old road seal to new road seal before driving over the raised crossing. They can subsequently be heard accelerating away as they increase speed.

There is also excessive light pollution. The newly installed flashing globes are the worst part of this pollution as they shine directly into our houses, flashing intermittently.

Thirdly is the loss in privacy. Since the realignment of the crossing, pedestrians now look directly into bedrooms of residential houses as they are crossing.

As a result of these impacts we have had to take our own remediation which has included installing blinds, plating a hedge and getting quotes for double glazing. The frustration of these expenses is aggravated by the fact the council failed to mention the pedestrian crossing in a LIM report prepared on the 25/10/2022 when it was general knowledge in the community and the council that the crossing was going to be upgraded.

On a more personal note, this has had a detrimental effect on my fiancé's mental wellbeing. I am often having to comfort her as she cries about the impacts the crossing has had and continues to have on our lives. She has been unable to sleep and now feels uncomfortable in our own home.

I feel like the residents who are most affected by the impact of the crossing have been overlooked and the wishes of an abusive Kelson "road safety group" have been granted. I do not feel like the council has taken a balanced approach and am left feeling like there are only certain people in the community that the council listens to. I am also well aware and concerned at some point this email will be disclosed to the "road safety group" through their own OIA request.

At this point the only thing I think we can request as some minor immediate remediation is directional shields on the flashing globes. Subsequently, push buttons to make the globes flash on demand need to be installed.

We are also open to any other suggestions or ways you think you may be able to help residents who live by the crossing improve their quality of life again.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Information Requests <informationrequests@huttcity.govt.nz>
Date: Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 4:40 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: LGOIMA request for information - LGOIMA2022-0216 -
To: s7(2)(a)

Kia Ora

Please find attached our response to your request.

Regards

Philip

Philip Rossiter
Senior Advisor | Official Information and Privacy

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central, Lower Hutt 5010
P: M: W: www.huttcity.govt.nz



From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 9:24 AM
To: WebServices <web@huttcity.govt.nz>; Information Requests <informationrequests@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: LGOIMA request for information - LGOIMA2022-0216 -

LGOIMA request for information

Submission Timestamp	30 Sep, 2024 at 9:21:31
Request ID	LGOIMA2022-0216
Name	s7(2)(a)
Preferred method of response:	Email
Email	s7(2)(a)

Good morning,

I am making an official information request in regards to the raised pedestrian crossing on Major Drive, Kelson.

I would like further information about the flashing beacons that the Hutt City Council is considering installing.

Could you please disclose any correspondence in relation to the flashing beacons (both internally within the council and externally received from members of the public), any analysis conducted in relation to the flashing beacons and their effectiveness, any decisions that have already been made in relation to the beacons and any documents mentioning the installation of flashing beacons on the Major Drive raised pedestrian crossing.

Yours sincerley,

s7(2)(a)

Is your request urgent?

Yes

Reason for urgency

Consultation is being sought from the Hutt City Council within the next week about the installation of flashing beacons.

You can [view all your submissions](#) easily.

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29 October 2024

s7(2)(a)

Dear s7(2)(a)

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

We refer to your email dated 30 September 2024. Please find our responses below.

1. *Any correspondence relating to flashing beacons (both internally within Council and externally received from members of public).*
 - a. See attached documents
2. *Analysis conducted relating to the flashing beacons and their effectiveness,*
 - a. (None were found)
3. *Decisions already made relating to the beacons,*
 - a. (None were found)
4. *Documents mentioning installing flashing beacons on Major Drive raised pedestrians crossing.*
 - a. Attached.

Further Information that is within the scope of your request will be provided in the next two days.

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.

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/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely

Philip Rossiter

Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

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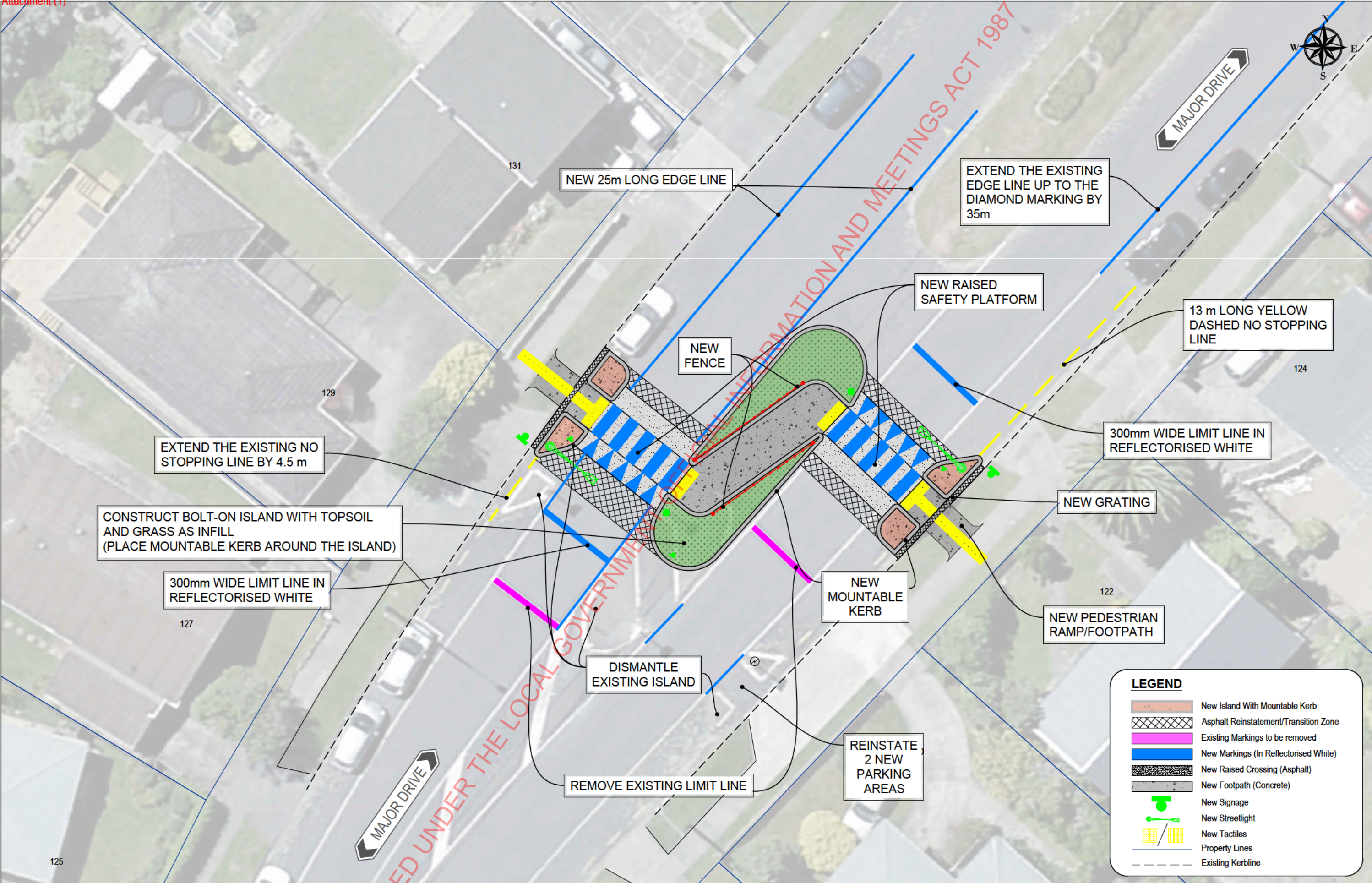


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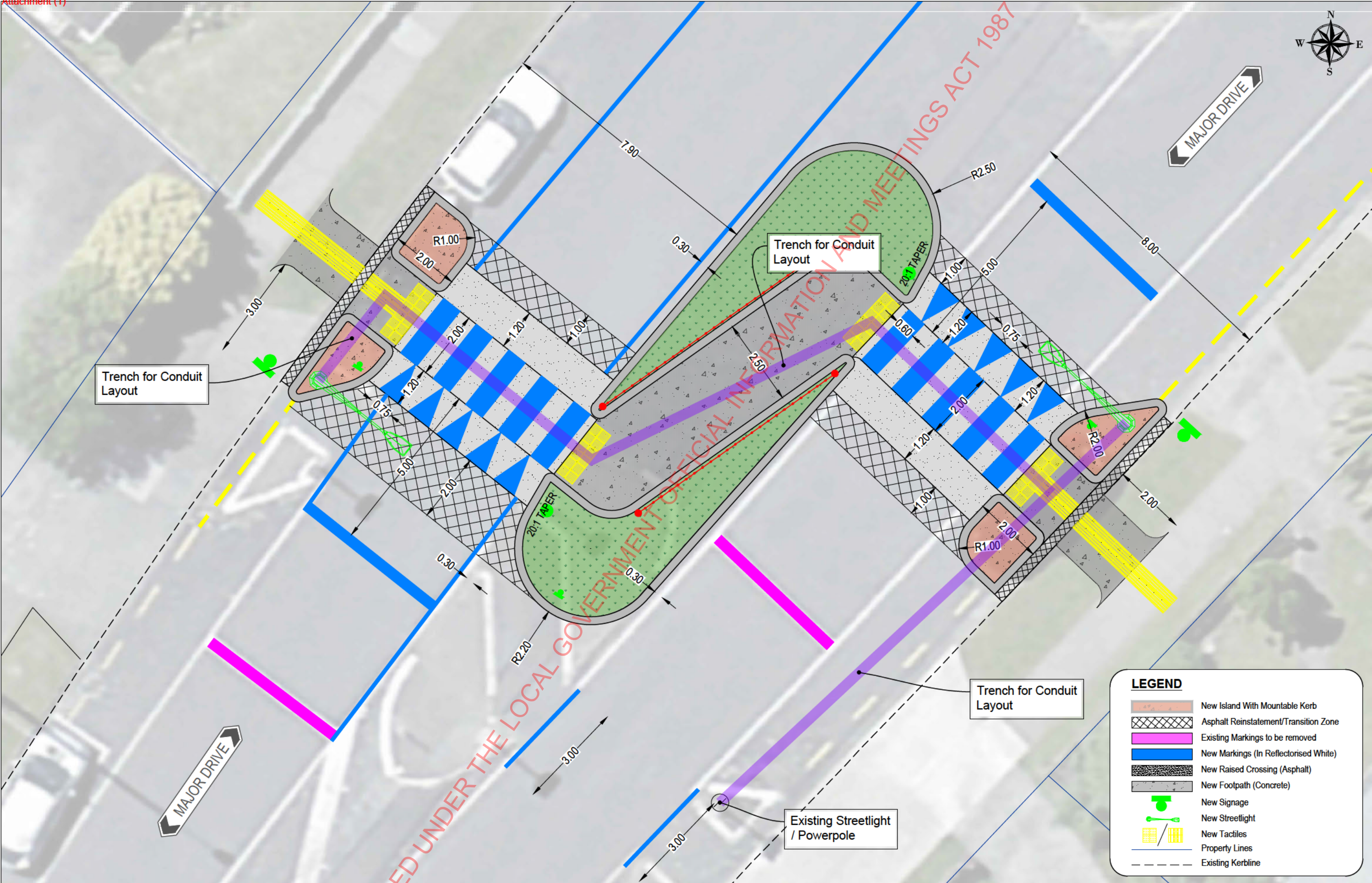
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3. THE LOCATION OF ALL SERVICES MUST BE CONFIRMED WITH THE RESPECTIVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND/OR SERVICE PROVIDER PRIOR TO ANY GROUND DISTURBANCES.
4. SET OUT ON SITE TO BE CONFIRMED WITH THE ENGINEER.
5. ALL NEW PAINT MARKINGS TO BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE TO NZTA MOTSAM PART 2.
6. ALL PAINT MARKINGS DAMAGED DURING CONSTRUCTION TO BE RENEWED IN THE SAME POSITION.
7. ALL DIMENSIONS IN METERS UNLESS SHOWN OTHERWISE.
8. THE LOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE SIGN POLES ARE TO BE IN ACCORDANCE TO NZTA TCD MANUAL.
9. PRIOR TO ANY EXCAVATION, CONFIRM THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY, KERB AND CHANNEL FALLS SHOWN ON THE DRAWING ARE CORRECT WITH THE ENGINEER.
10. ALL NEW LIGHTNING AND BELISHA BEACONS TO BE CONNECTED TO EXISTING STREETLIGHT CIRCUIT. CONTRACTOR TO CONFIRM CONNECTIONS.
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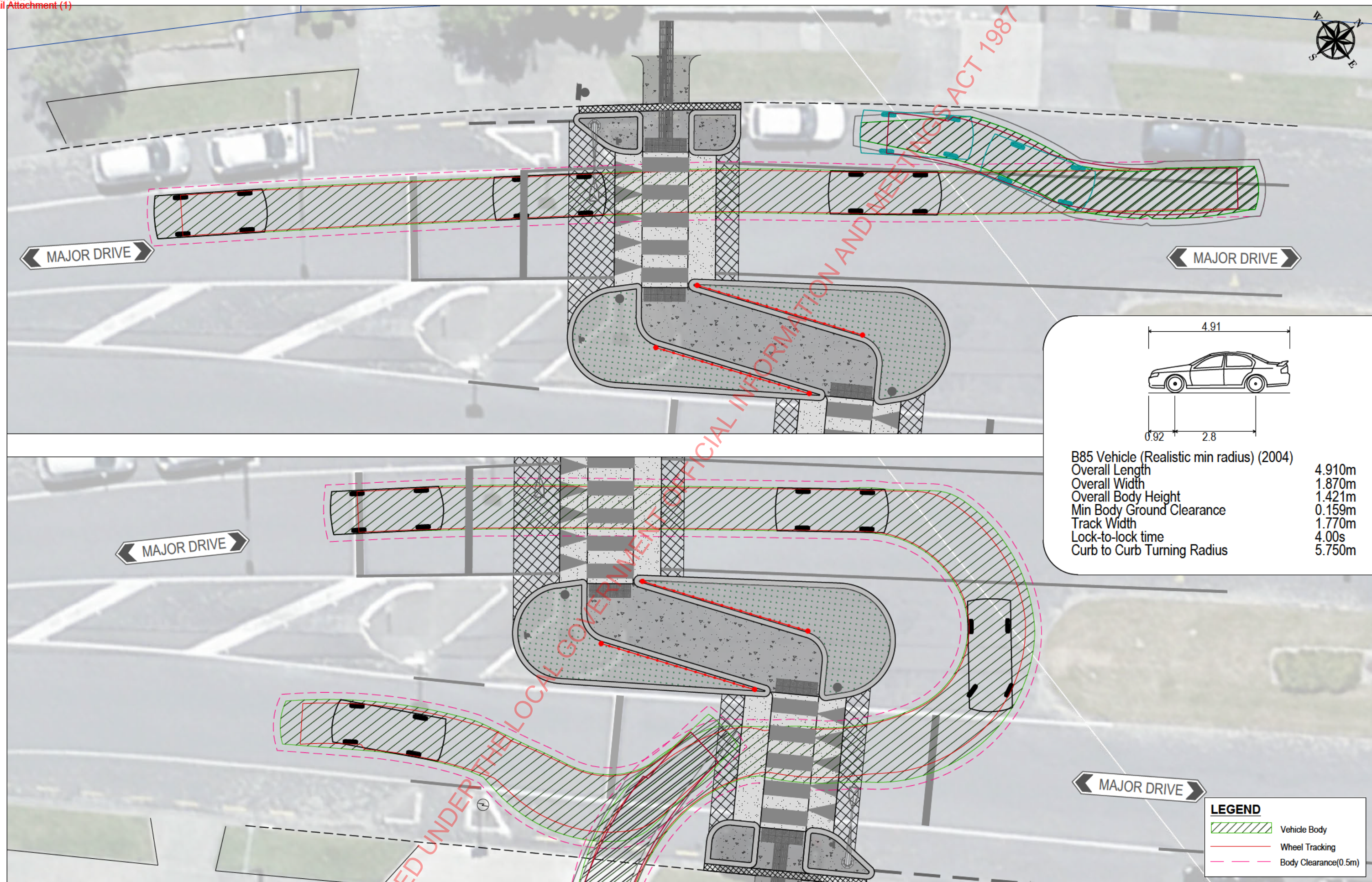
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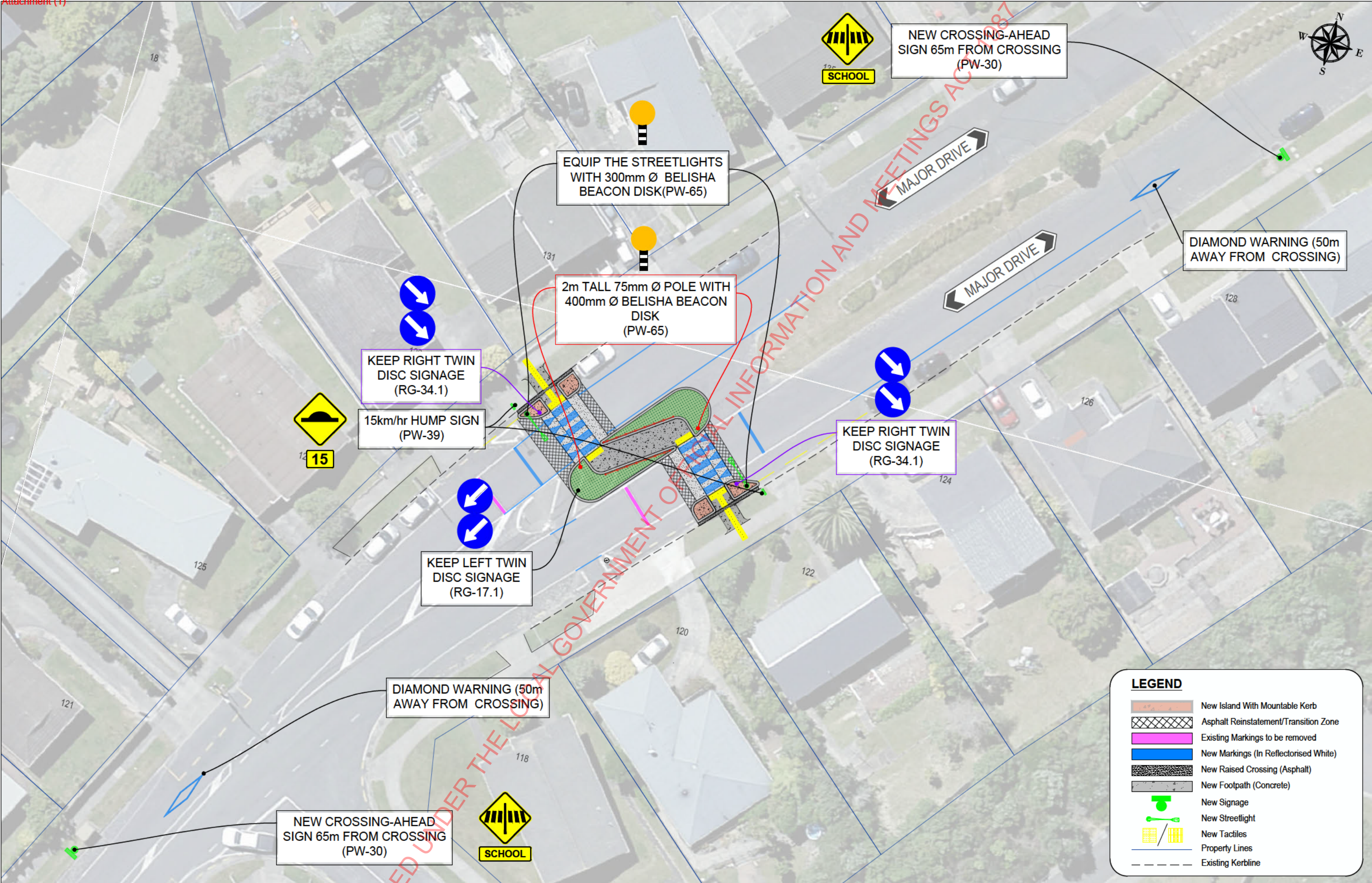
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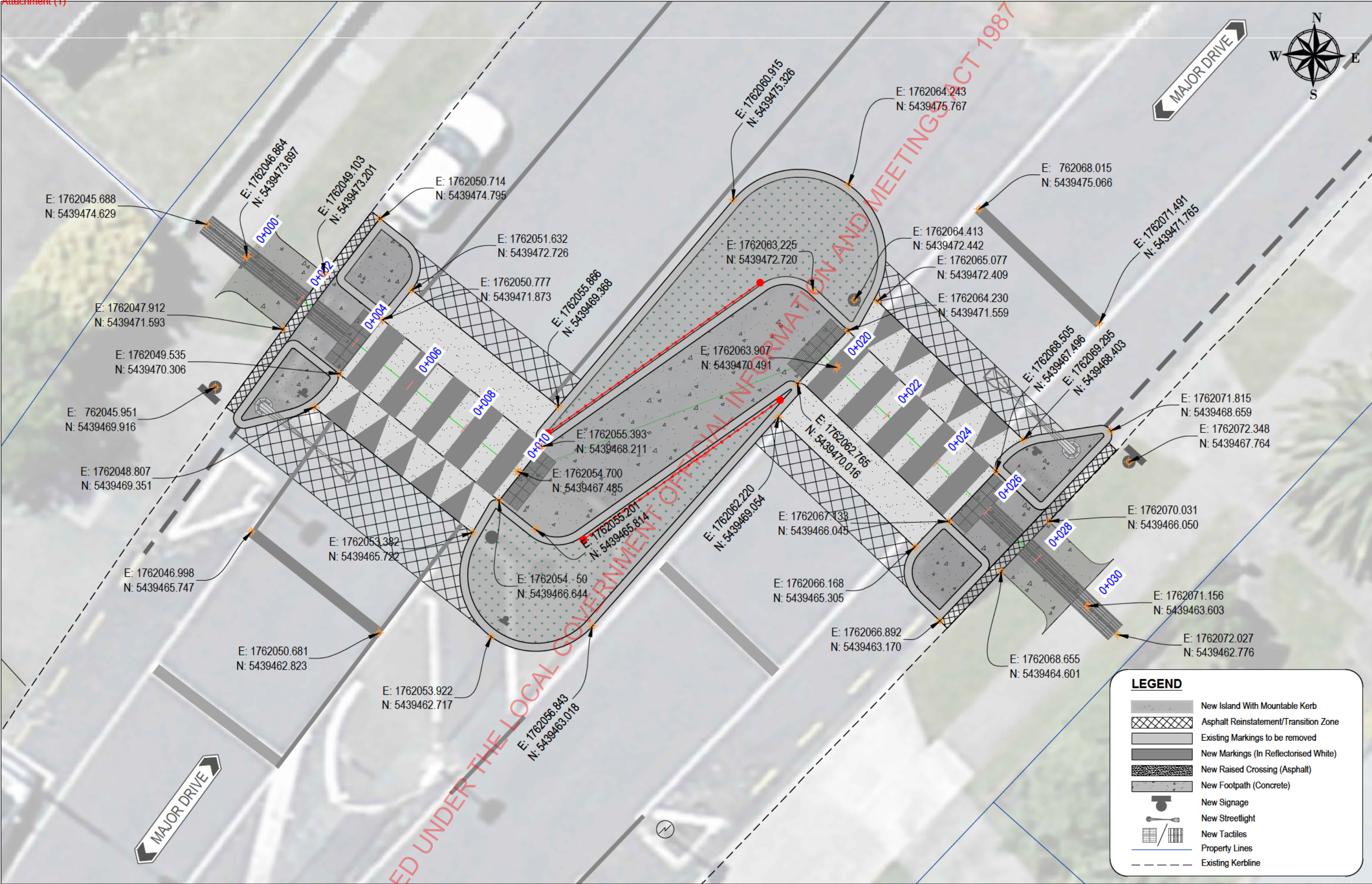


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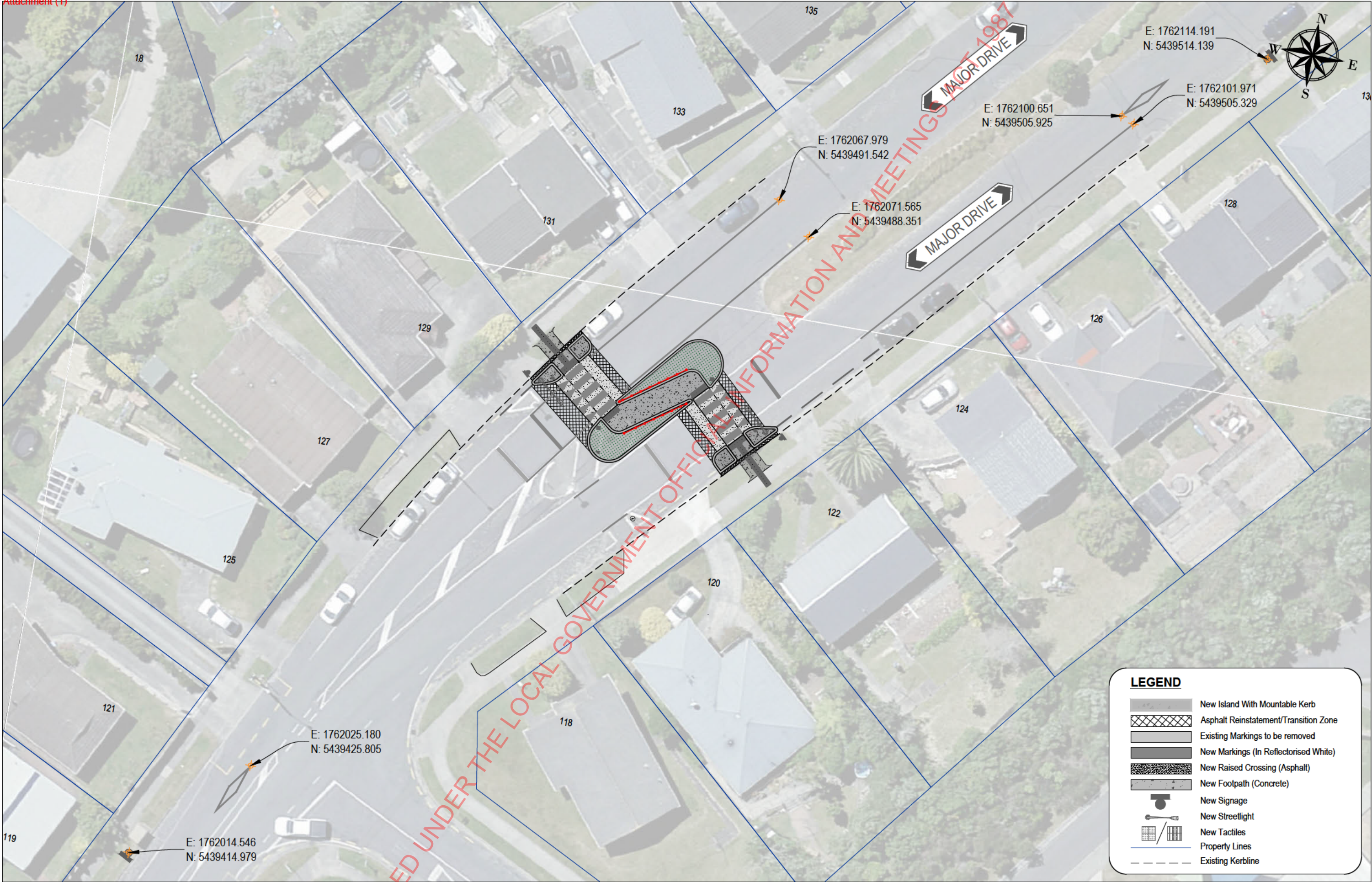


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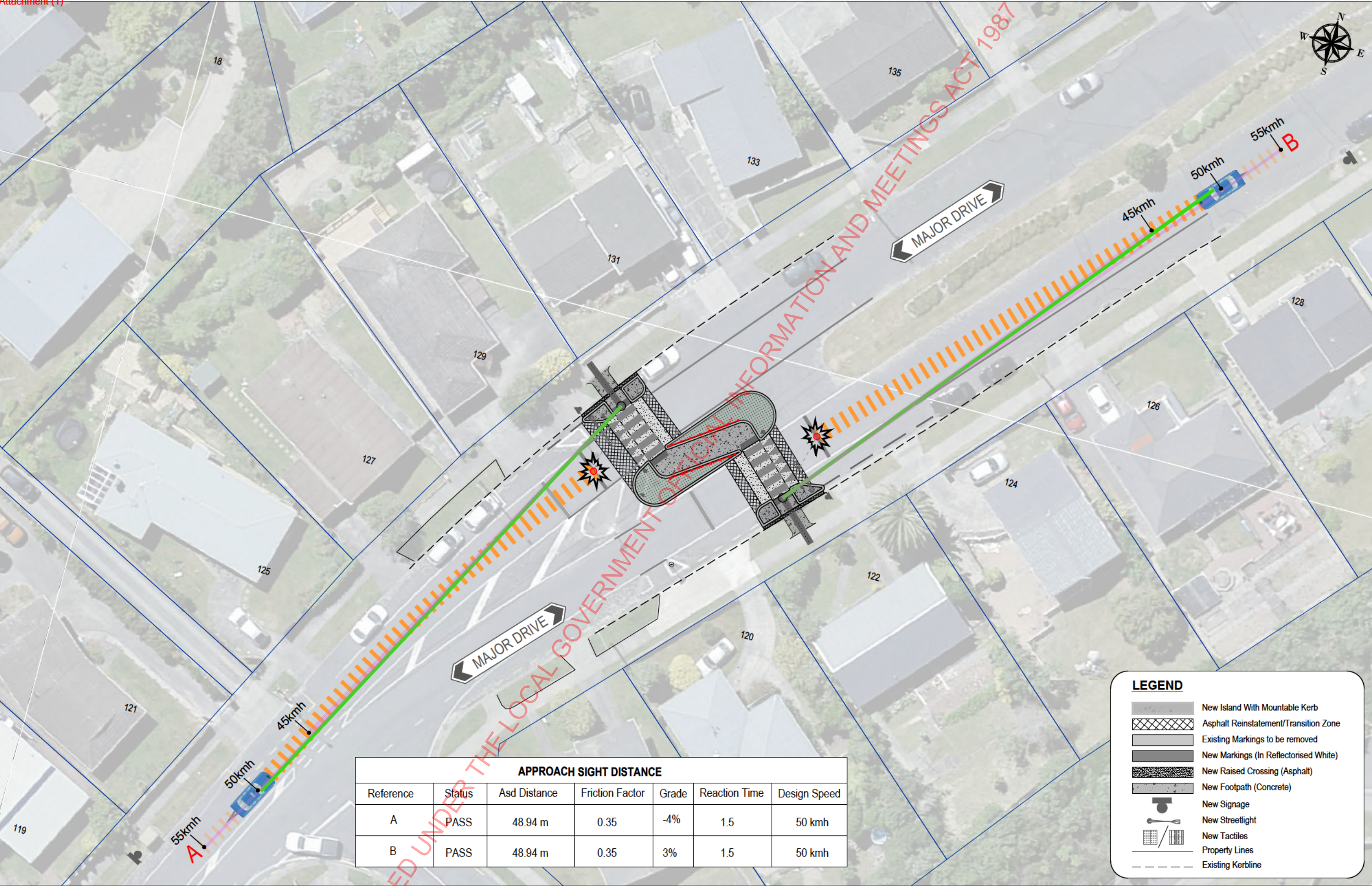




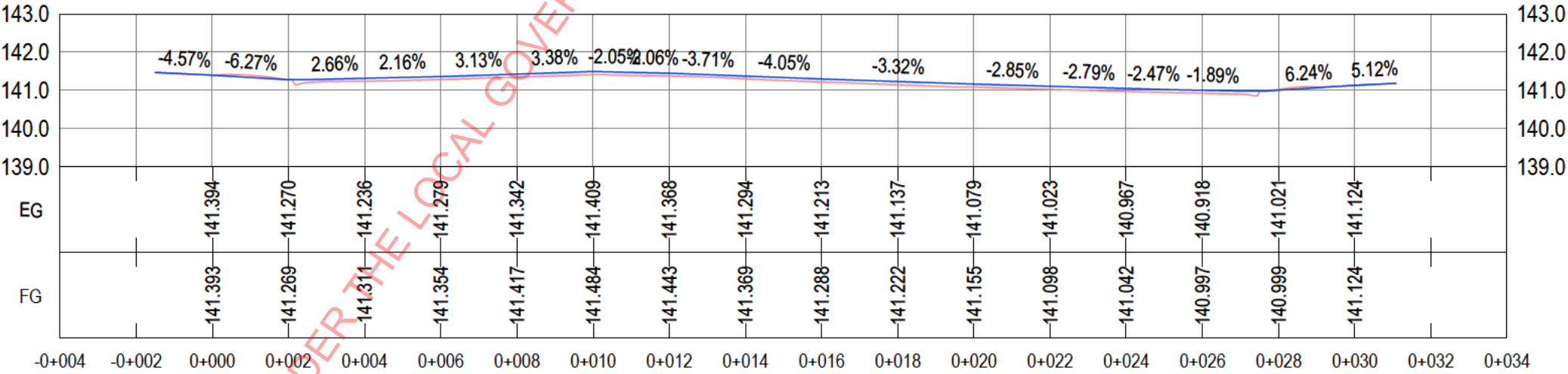
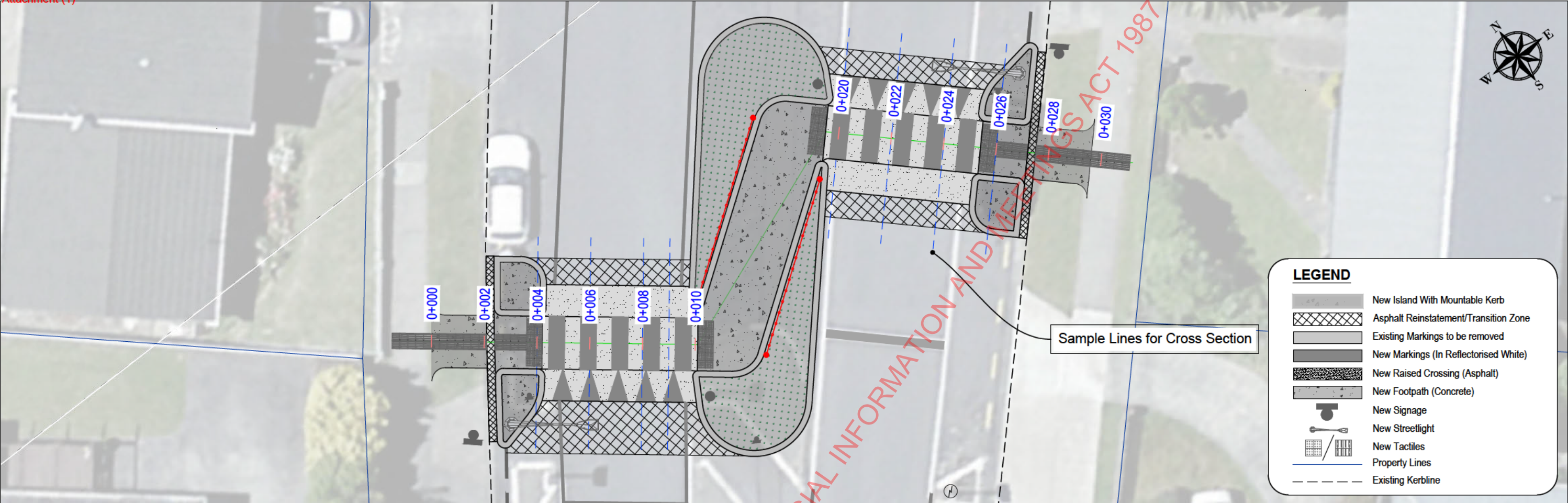
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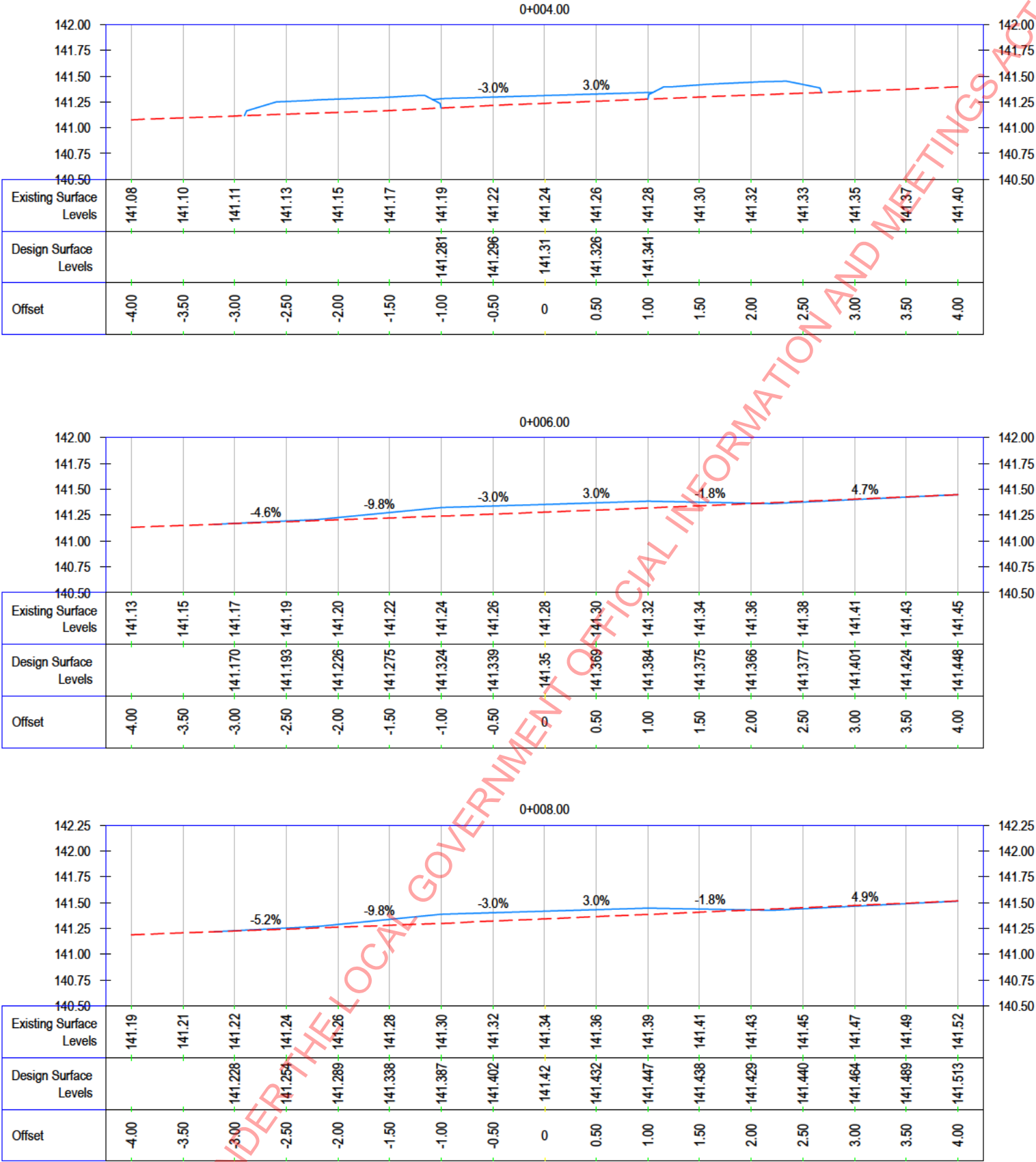
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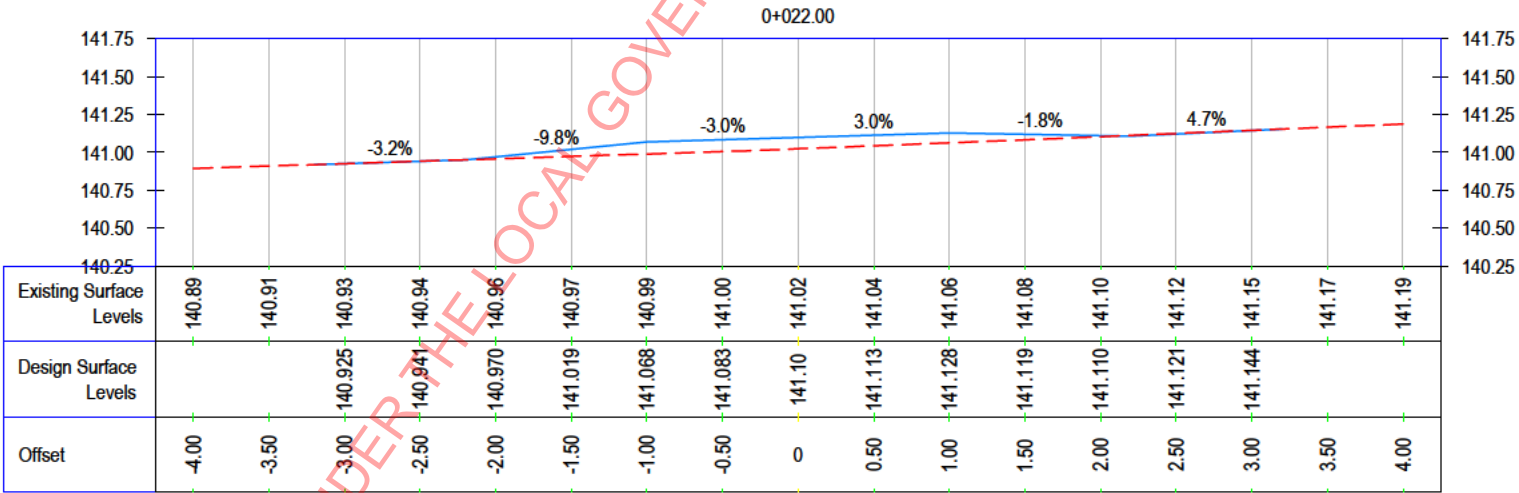
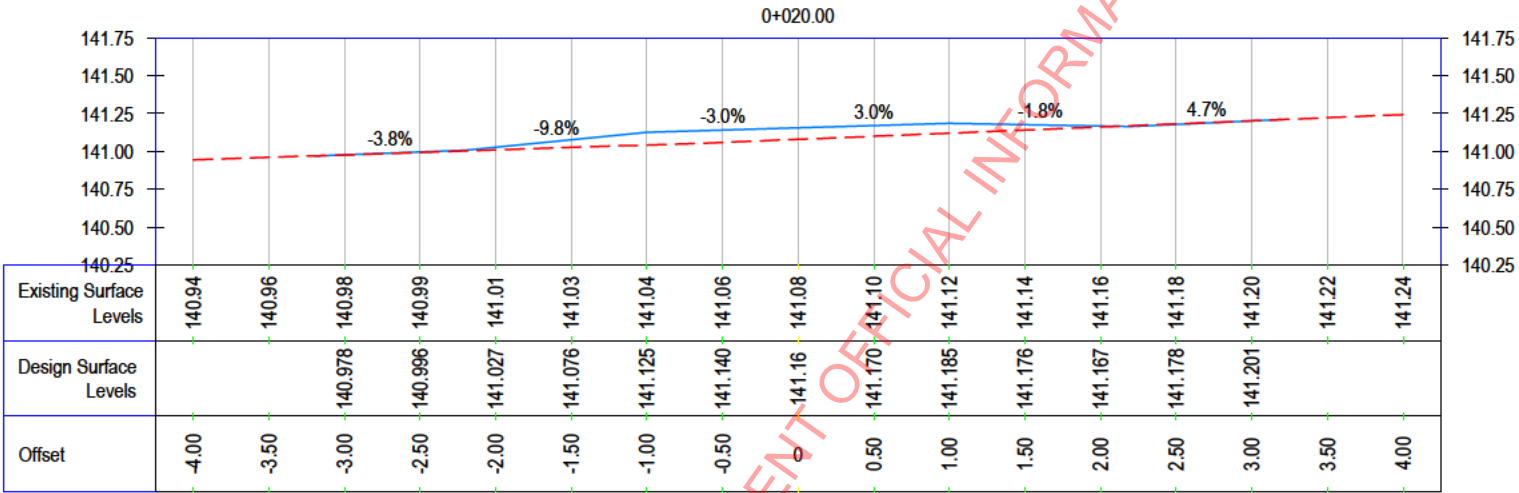
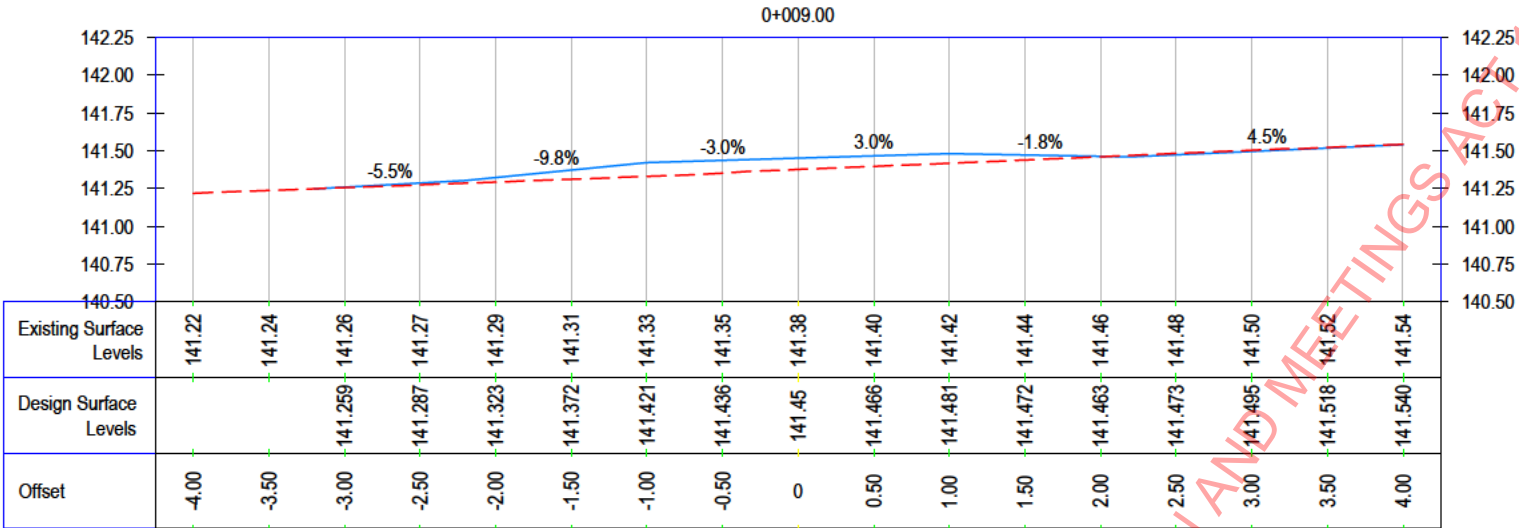
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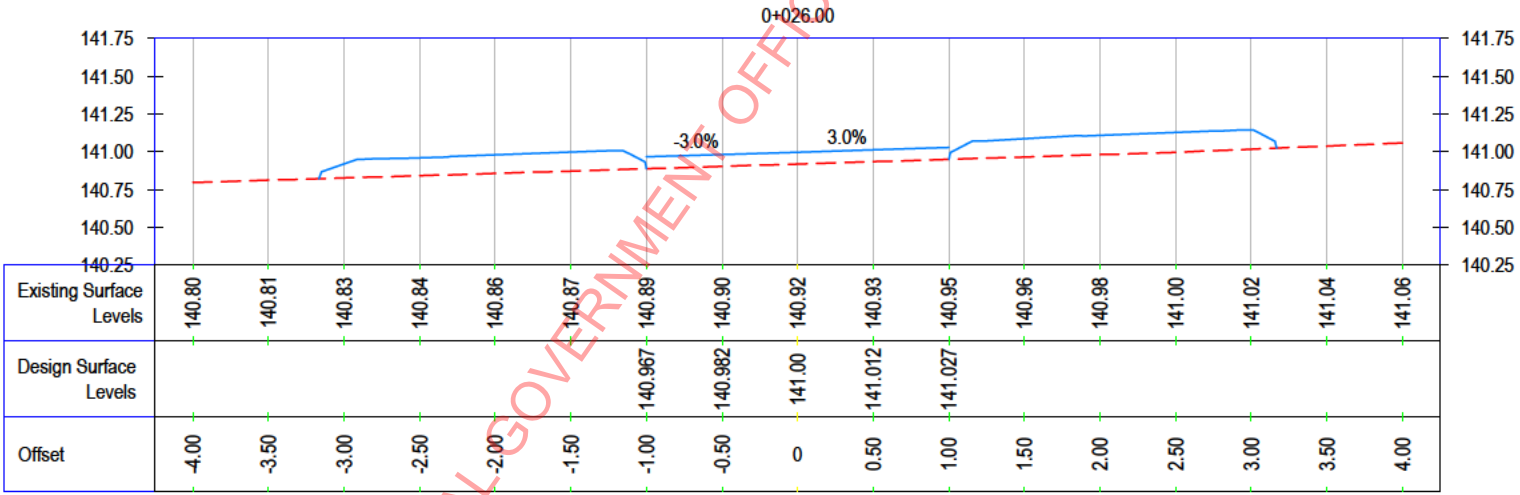
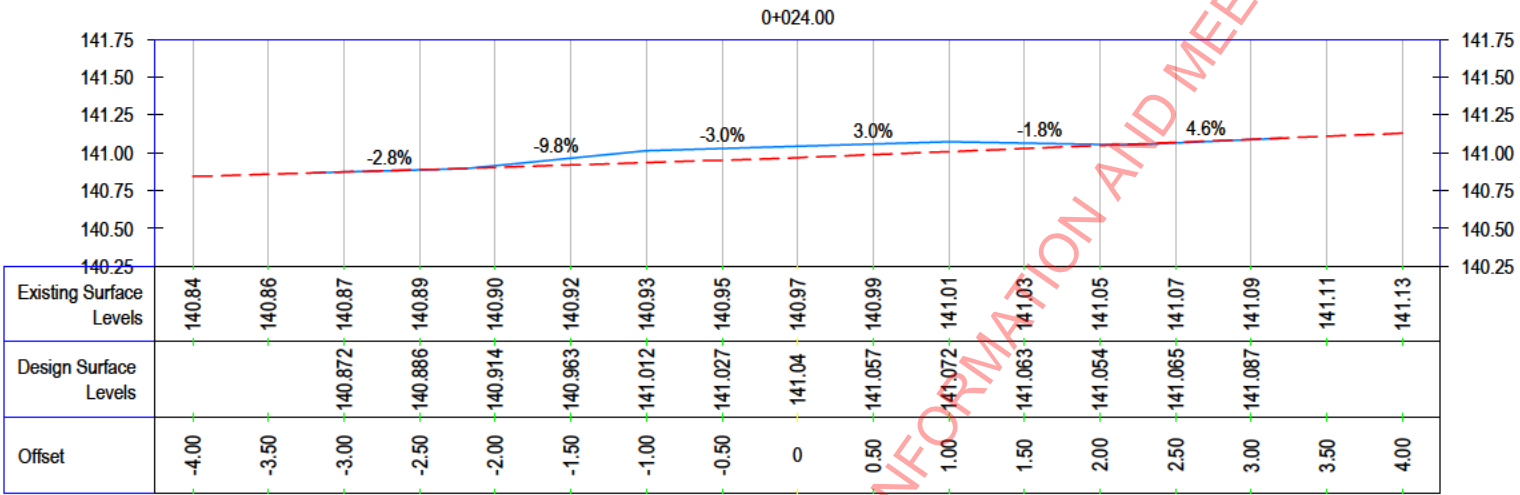
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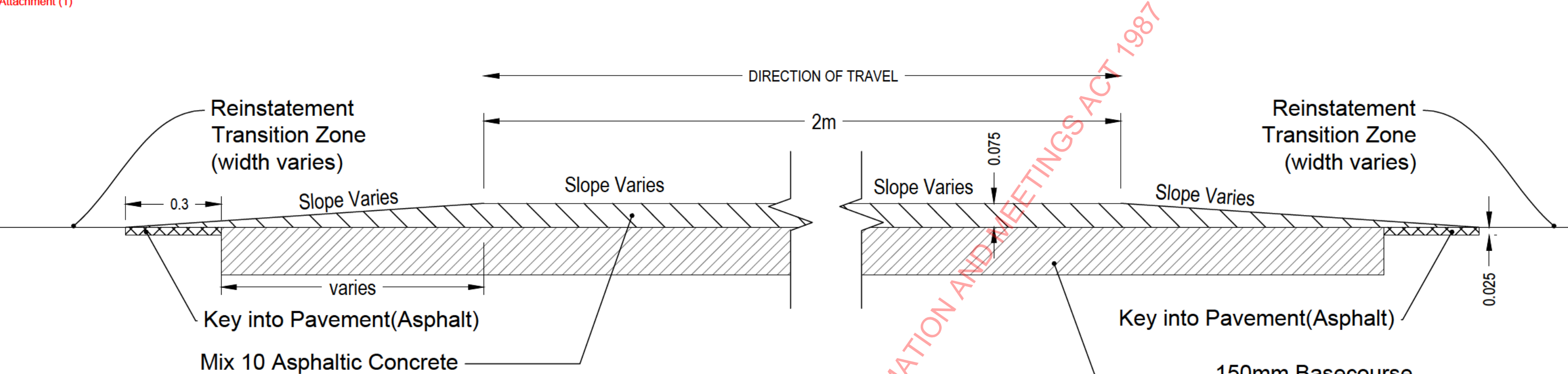
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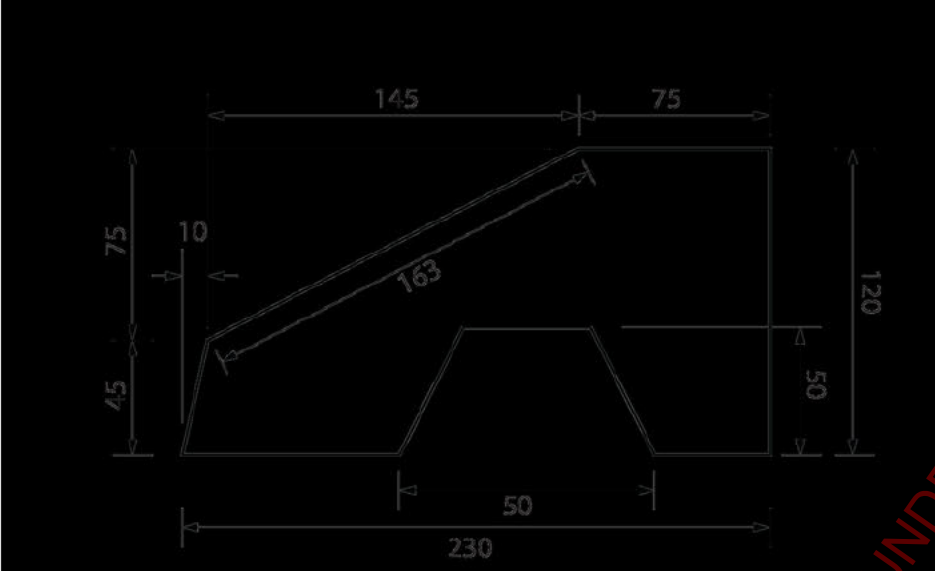
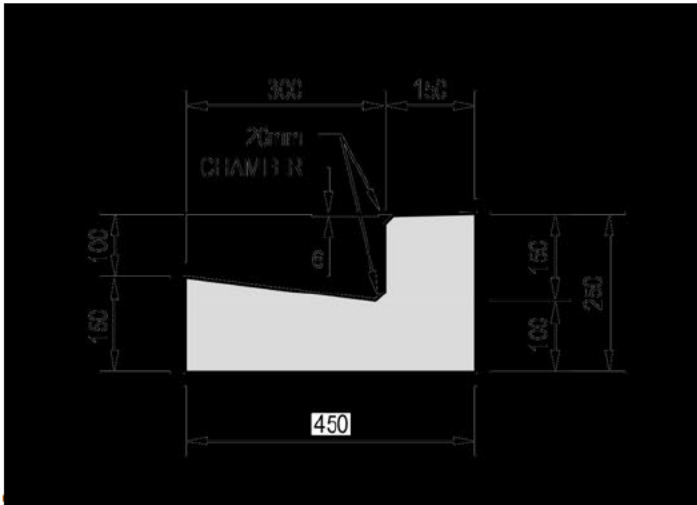
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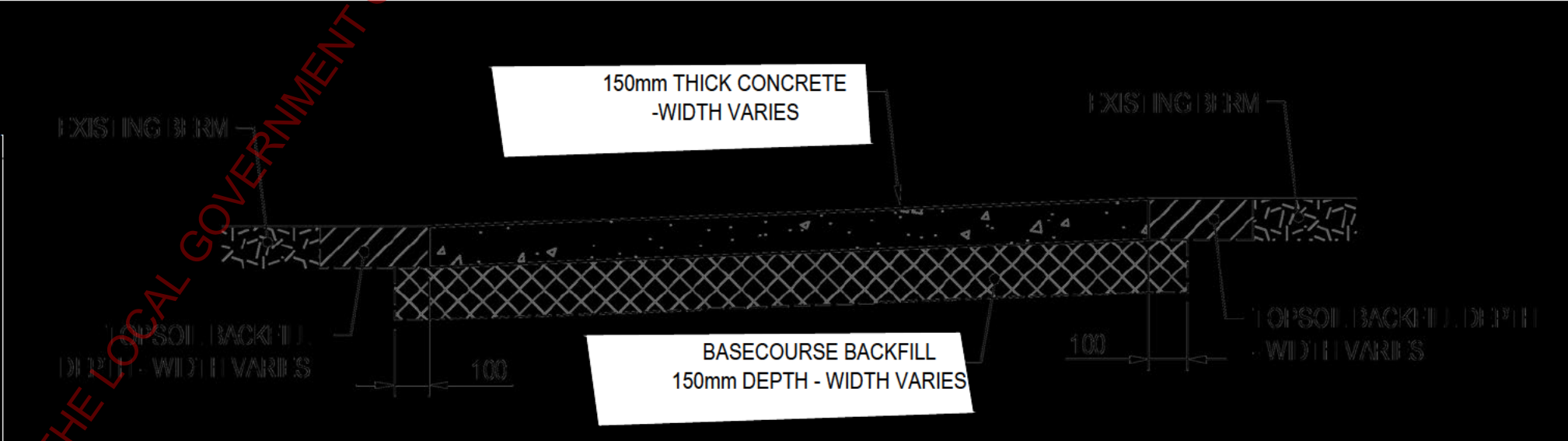
Raised Pedestrian Crossing

(Refer cross sections for dimension details)

150mm Basecourse
-Clegg hammer tested to
engineer's requirements

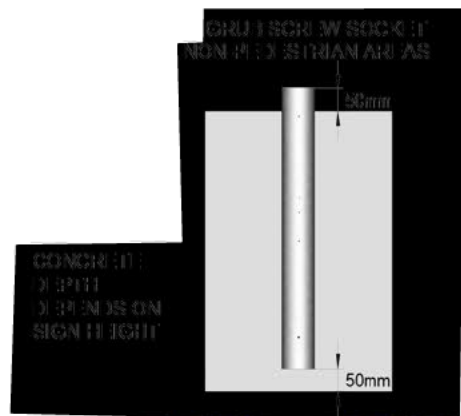
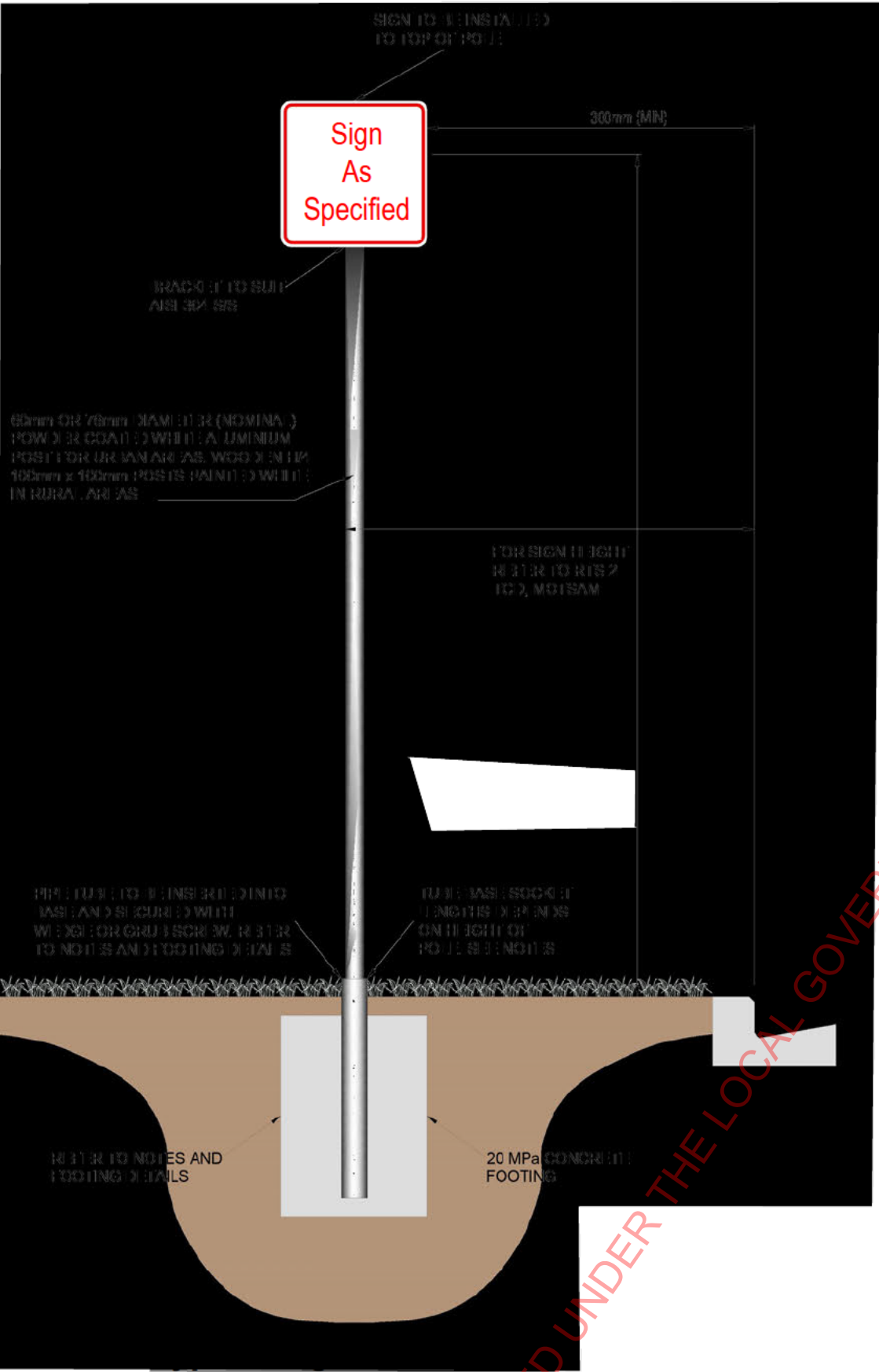


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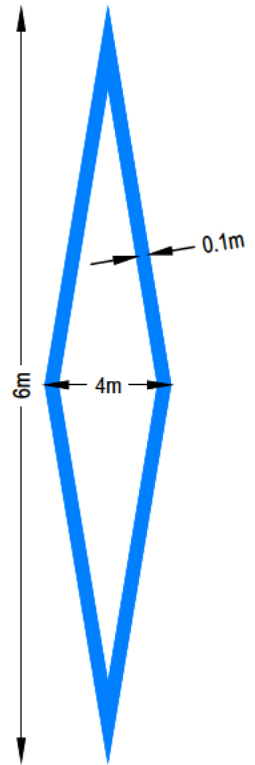


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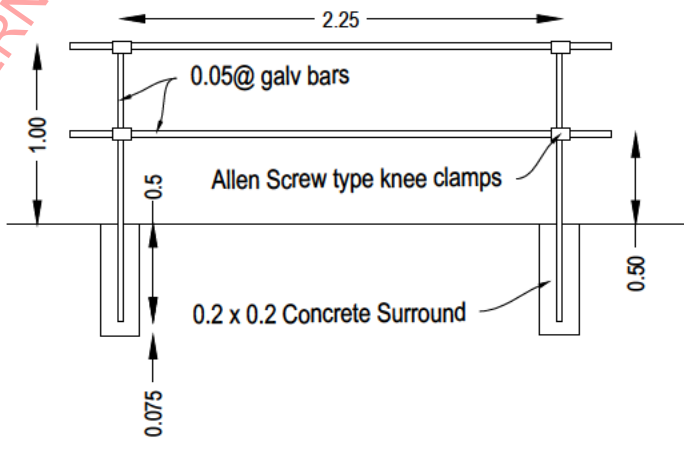
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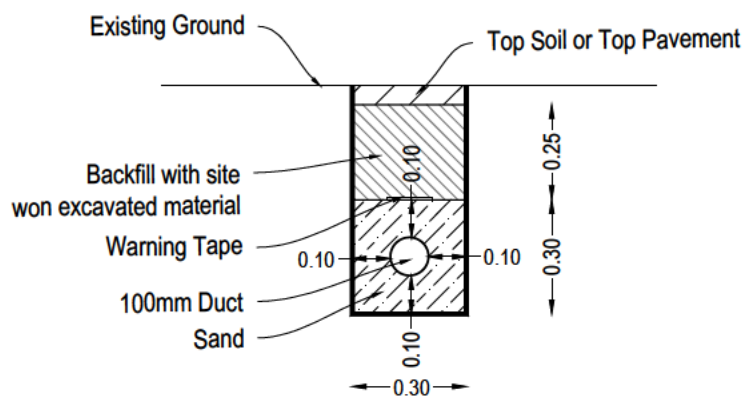
- NOTES:**
1. SIGN TO BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NZTA TO SPECIFICATIONS.
 2. SIGN TO BE MOUNTED EITHER IN SIGNITX AND ROTATION FITTINGS OR EQUIVALENT.
 3. SIGN TO BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NZTA TO SPECIFICATIONS.
 4. SIGN HEIGHT DEPENDS ON LOCATION, REFER TO RIS 2, MTSAM AND NZTA TO SPECIFICATIONS.
 5. POLE TO BE 60mm OR 70mm DIAMETER POWDER COATED WITH ALUMINIUM FOR RURAL AREAS.
 6. WOODEN POSTS 100mm x 100mm PAINTED WITH RURAL AREAS.
 7. TUBE BASE SOCKETS 400mm FOR POLES UP TO 1.2m HIGH 600mm FOR POLES ABOVE 1.2m HIGH.
 8. POLE TO BE INSTALLED INTO TUBE BASE SOCKET AND BE SECURED WITH WEDGE OR GRU SCREW.
 9. SAFETY SOCKETS TO BE USED WITH GROUND IN PILE STRAN AREA AND BE SECURED WITH WEDGE.
 10. FOUNDATION:
400x400x100 (FOR 400mm SOCKET)
600x600x100 (FOR 600mm SOCKET)



Diamond Warning Sign Detail



Typical Fence Details



Typical Ducting Trench Details

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From: [Amin Shahin](#)
To: [Dave Butler-Peck](#); [Anita Manda](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Belisha Beacons/Disc query
Date: Thursday, 21 March 2024 4:40:10 pm
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Sorry didn't realise they didn't cc you in this one

Amin Shahin
Traffic Engineer - Contractor

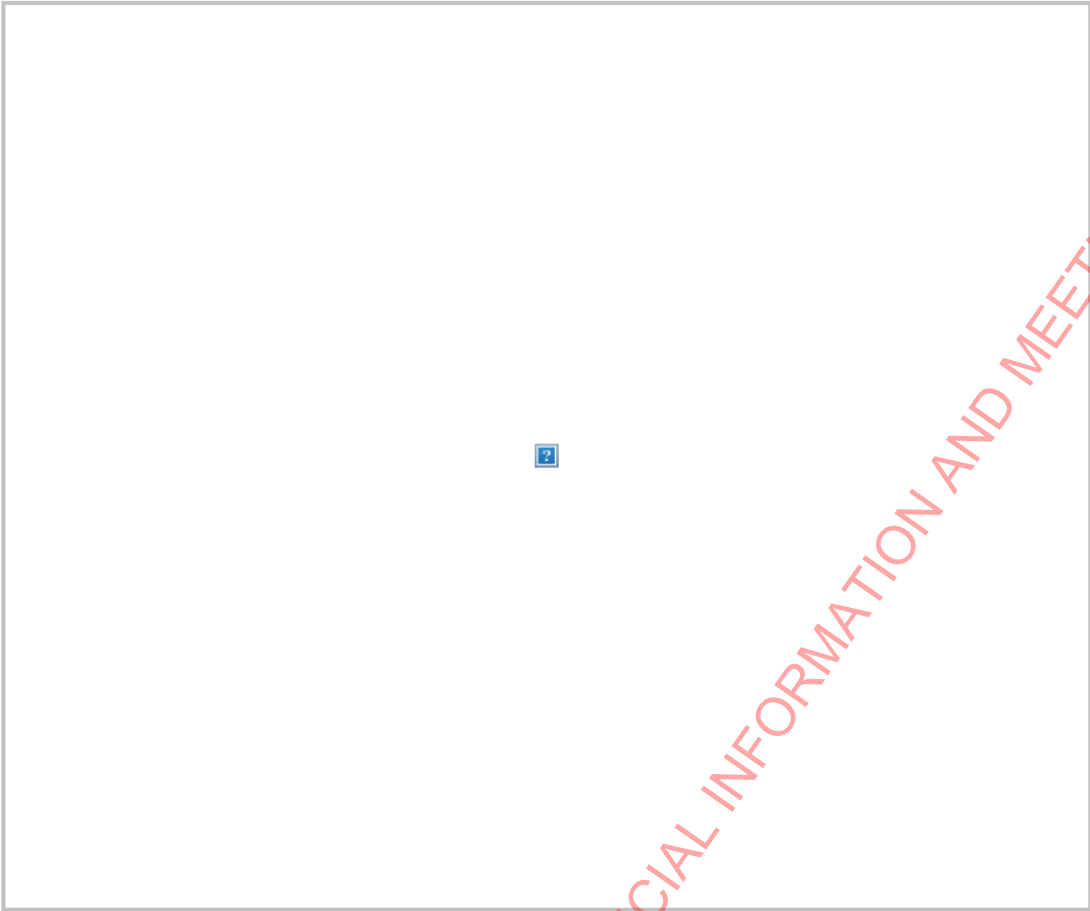
Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central, Lower Hutt 5010
P: M: 027 803 0653 **W:** www.huttcity.govt.nz



From: Amin Shahin
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 4:37 PM
To: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>
Cc: Jose Sinio <Jose@millsalbert.co.nz>; Paul Ratcliffe <Paul.R@millsalbert.co.nz>; Stace Keen <Stace.k@millsalbert.co.nz>; Coordinator <Coordinator@millsalbert.co.nz>; Jamie Miratana <Jamie.Miratana@millsalbert.co.nz>; Dan Miller <Dan.Miller@millsalbert.co.nz>; Murray Cull <Murray@millsalbert.co.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system
Hi Peter
Please refer to the plans for each crossing. Belisha beacons/globe refer to the illuminating flashing beacons. Belisha discs refer to the reflectorised round disc (no illumination). Each site is different depending on surroundings (ie residential areas will have discs only)
Regards,
Amin

From: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 4:31 PM
To: Amin Shahin <Amin.Shahin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Jose Sinio <Jose@millsalbert.co.nz>; Paul Ratcliffe <Paul.R@millsalbert.co.nz>; Stace Keen <Stace.k@millsalbert.co.nz>; Coordinator <Coordinator@millsalbert.co.nz>; Jamie Miratana <Jamie.Miratana@millsalbert.co.nz>; Dan Miller <Dan.Miller@millsalbert.co.nz>; Murray Cull <Murray@millsalbert.co.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system
Hi Amin
Just speaking with Jose regarding the crossings.
Do you only want reflective Belisha discs for all crossings going forward and Not Belisha beacons??
Please clarify.
Cheers
Peter

From: Jose Sinio <Jose@millsalbert.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 2:53 PM
To: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system
Hi Pete,
There are Belisha Beacons for the remaining 3 crossings.
In the design plan PW-65 Belisha Beacon Globe (Disc only)
Please see below from NZTA.
Would you please confirm from Amin.
Thanks.



Jose Sinio
Estimator

M 021 229 8592
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From: Jose Sinio
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 3:10 PM
To: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system

Hi Pete,
As discussed with Amin below, we will use just disk only for all the crossing as far I understood our conversation.
If you could confirm to Amin please.
Really appreciate your assistance.
Thanks.

From: Jose Sinio
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:17 PM
To: Amin Shahin <Amin.Shahin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system

Hi Amin,
As discussed over the phone, we will install the belisha disk only for the crossings.
Many Thanks.

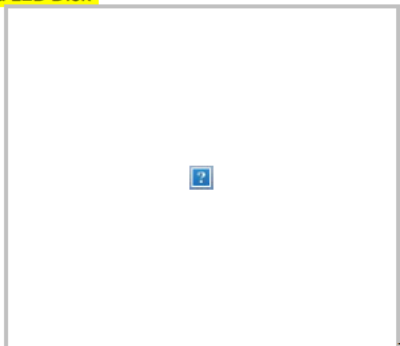
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Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 5:06 PM
To: Amin Shahin <Amin.Shahin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system

Importance: High
Hi Amin,

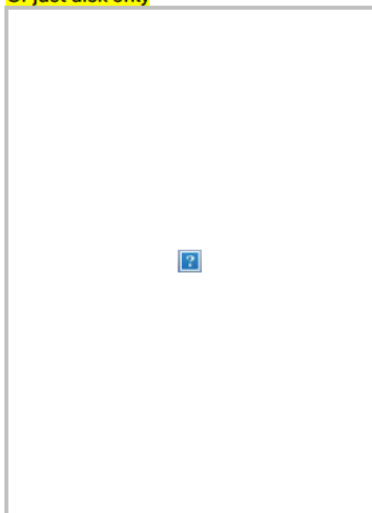
Sorry mate. Another question about the Belisha Beacon.

Do you have an idea what type of Belisha you after. In the drawing plan there are both disk and beacon. Not sure which one. Please advise.

Belisha LED Disk-



Or just disk only



Please advise.

Many Thanks.

From: Jose Sinio

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 4:37 PM

To: Amin Shahin <Amin.Shahin@huttcity.govt.nz>

Cc: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system

Importance: High

Hi Amin,

Jose here from Mills Albert.

Hope things well for you.

Anyway, just a quick question regarding the Cambridge/ Porutu and Oxford/ Epuni Islands.

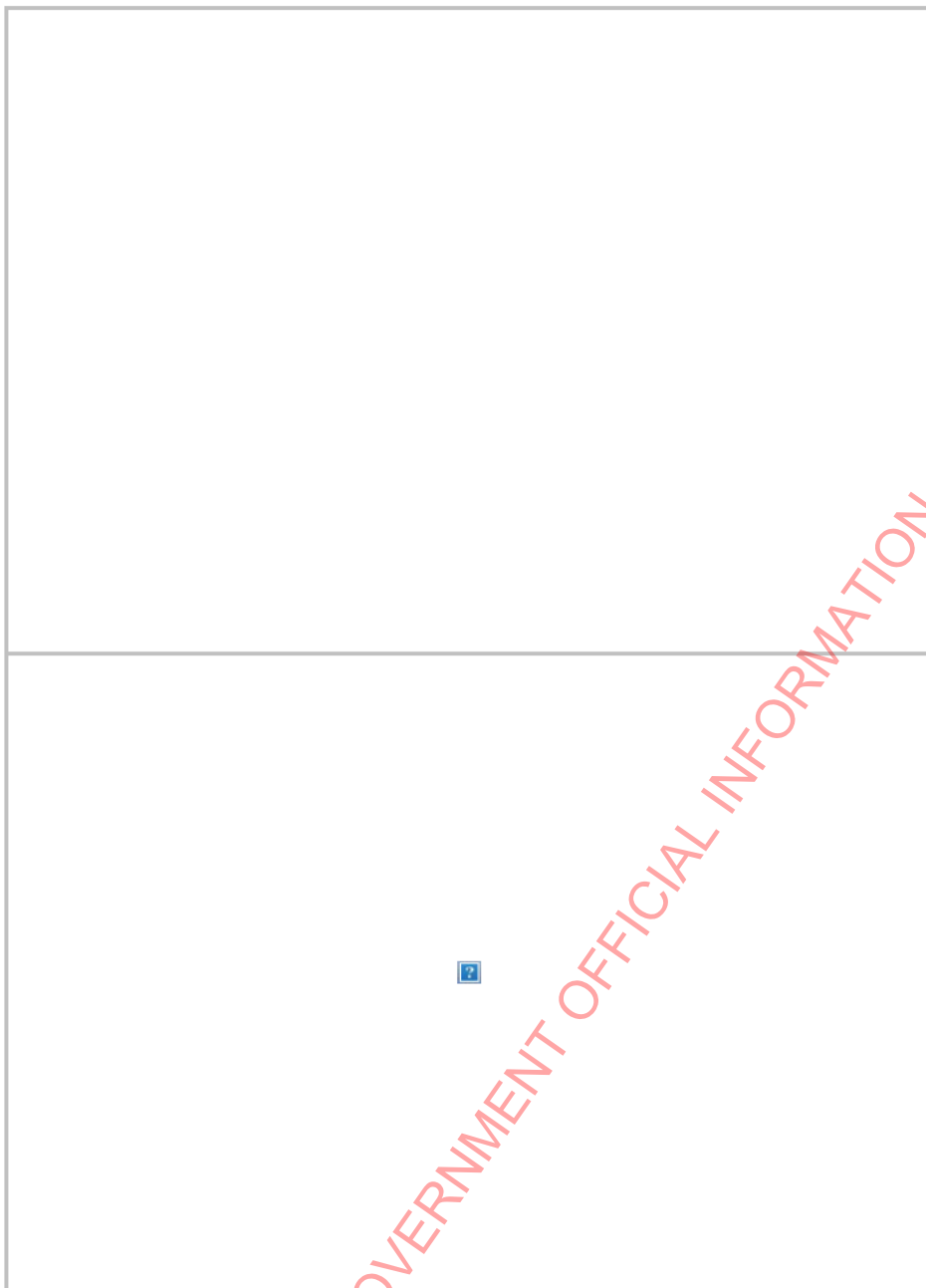
My question is do we need to have a coloured concrete from the new islands.

Please see screen shot below.

For your clarification please.

Many Thanks.

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To: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system

Hi

I have checked with The school and they would like to keep using the school patrol signs.

I advise to use the existing signs, just moved into the new build-out/side islands

Regards

Amin

Amin Shahin

Traffic Engineer - Contractor

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From: Peter Jenkins <Peter.Jenkins@millsalbert.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 4:00 PM

To: Amin Shahin <Amin.Shahin@huttcity.govt.nz>

Cc: Anita Manda <Anita.Manda@huttcity.govt.nz>; Dave Butler-Peck <Dave.Butler-Peck@huttcity.govt.nz>; Murray Cull <Murray@millsalbert.co.nz>; Jose Sinio <Jose@millsalbert.co.nz>; Stace Keen <Stace.k@millsalbert.co.nz>; Coordinator <Coordinator@millsalbert.co.nz>; Jamie Miratana <Jamie.Miratana@millsalbert.co.nz>; Paul Ratcliffe <Paul.R@millsalbert.co.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Single arm school patrol, system

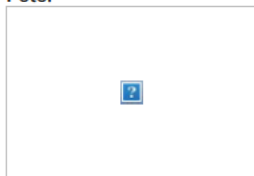
Hi Amin

Did you want us to include these School patrol arms on the Dowse Dr crossing as they are not on the design but are currently installed on the crossing.

If so, can you please send the HCC type as it appears there are several types of these for councils around NZ. We'll use your required type for Raphael house also.

Cheers

Peter



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7 October 2024

Kia ora,

We are pleased to inform you that the streetlight works on the Major Drive crossing have been completed and the streetlights are now live. This will contribute to a safer environment for all road users, at this location.



Council will monitor the crossing over the next month to evaluate its visibility and performance under different conditions. Following this assessment, we will also roll out a consultation to assess the need for additional safety features such as flashing beacons.

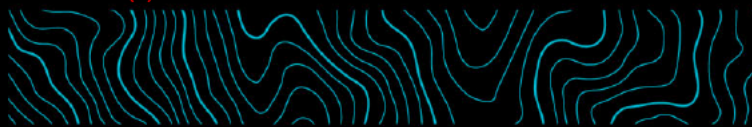
Directionz will be visiting this week to install the foundation and pole for the school patrol signs. The signs will be attached and removed only during school patrol times to mitigate rattling noise throughout the day.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to improve safety and infrastructure in your area.

Ngā mihi,

Rona Lemalu

Hutt City Council



07 May 2024

Notification of construction work: Raised crossing on Major Drive near Kelson School

Kia ora,

This letter is to inform you that JFC Ltd will be installing a raised pedestrian crossing with additional safety features on Major Drive near Kelson School

Works will be completed in stages to minimize traffic disruptions with an estimated completion date by end of June (weather dependent). This date may change if there are unforeseen delays.

Date: Monday 13 May 2024 to end of June
Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm (Monday to Saturday)
No work will take place on public holidays.

During the construction period, some medium level noise will be made by our equipment, however, we will endeavour to be as unobtrusive as possible.

To get this work completed as quickly as possible, traffic management will be in place for the duration of the project to guide you through the site safely, however this may affect your travelling routine. There will be a partial closure of the traffic lanes with stop/go in place. Reduced lane widths and reduced speed (30km/h) will also be in place to facilitate the construction works. A Site Traffic Management Specialist (STMS) will be on-site to help aid school children cross through the temporary crossing before and after school.

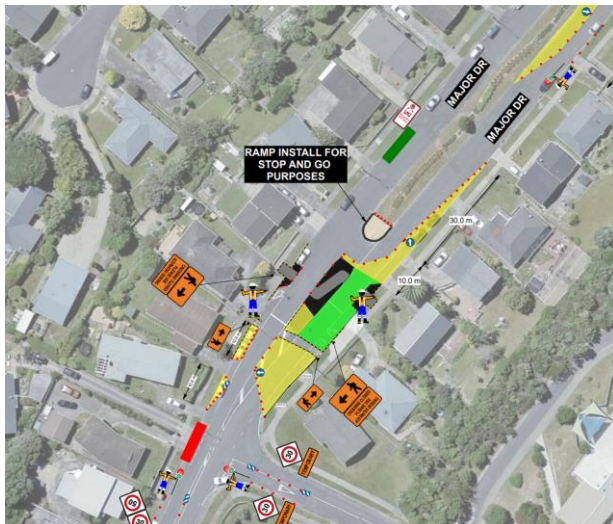


Location of worksite



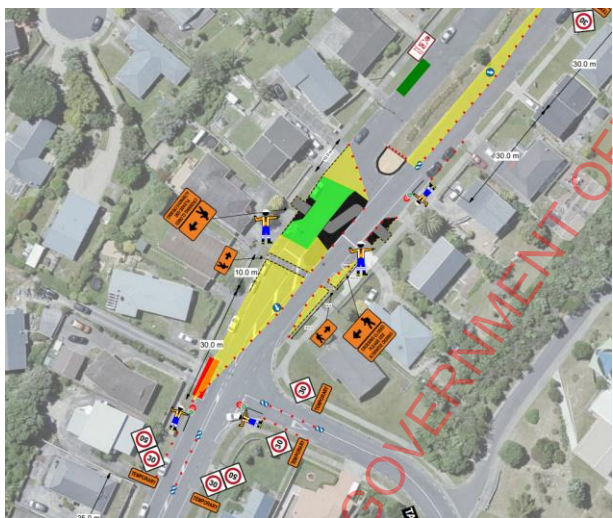
Traffic Management:

Stage 1



A three way stop/go shall be installed to help aid installing street light ducting and street light poles

Reduced speed (30kmph) will be in place.



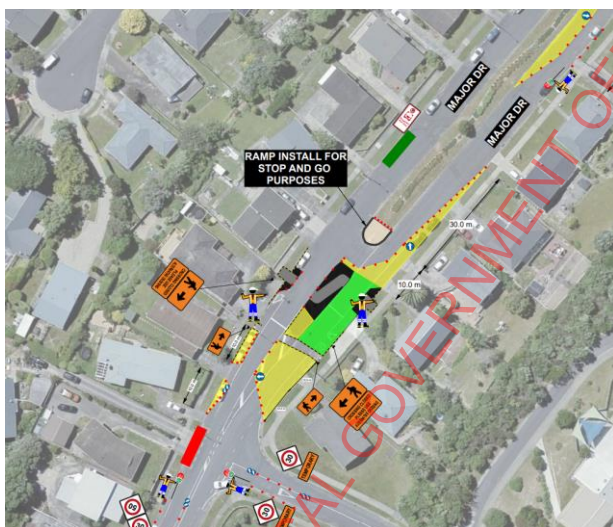
Stage 2



Shoulder closures shall be installed to help re-direct pedestrian and vehicle traffic while new footpaths are being installed

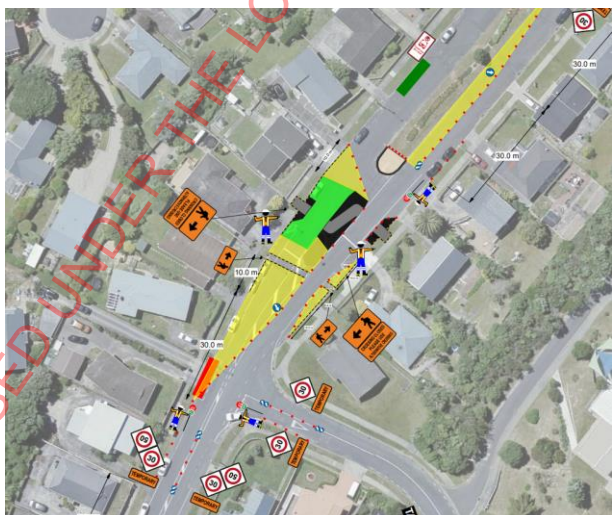
Reduced speed (30kmph) will be in place.

Stage 3



A three way stop/go shall be installed to help aid installing the new raised table crossing.

Reduced speed (30kmph) will be in place.



Safety

Discuss with your household the potential risks posed by the roadworks.

Please:

- Stand well back from the work site and follow the directions of staff on-site.
- Respect any traffic and pedestrian control measures in place. To best ensure everyone's safety - if you do need to cross the operational site, please request assistance from JFC Ltd. construction team.
- Comply with the temporary posted speed. This is in place to protect our team working on site and other road users and pedestrians.
- Emergency services will be aware of the closure and there is a process in place to provide full access in the case of an emergency.

For further information, please contact:

Stratos Efstratiou, JFC Project Manager, 021 420 731

We will provide another update once a date for these works have been confirmed.

Ngā mihi nui,
Transport Project Delivery Team
Hutt City Council

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 1 October 2024 10:40 pm
To: Jon Kingsbury; Paul Hewitt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson Pedestrian Crossing
Attachments: IMG_20241001_222809.jpg

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hello Jon and Paul,
Today WE techs were here fiddling with the wires in the new lamp post and tonight the crossing focused lights are not working. What does this mean?
Picture attached for your reference.
When and how is the short consultation, as per the notice dated 27/9/24, going to occur?
Thank you.
Regards.
s7(2)(a)



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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2024 12:35 pm
To: Transport Project Delivery Team
Cc: Paul Hewitt; Jon Kingsbury
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Kelson Pedestrian Crossing

Good afternoon Rona,
Thank you for your email.

I guess you are aware that the feedback from the survey is now available on the Have Your Say website and from that would you be so good as to provide me with the following information asap: -

1. How many unique visitors did the survey website receive?
2. How many unique visitors completed the survey?
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Regards.

s7(2)(a)

On 04/11/2024 14:28 NZDT Transport Project Delivery Team wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

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As discussed,

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- Any redundant signs have now been removed and
- the LED lights have been activated.

Consultation of the Major Drive crossing and potential for further safety improvements has now closed. The survey shows support for enhancing safety, which will be realised through the installation of flashing belisha lights. As mentioned, more information on the function of the belisha's will be made via an update online.

As agreed, please continue to contact us/myself regarding the crossing, using this email address and the team will respond as the earliest.

Kind regards,

Rona

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 11:01 AM
To: Paul Hewitt <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson Pedestrian Crossing

Good morning,

Please can you let us know when the work outside our property, [REDACTED] Major Drive, Kelson will be completed.

We have had to put up with a lot of inconvenience for months now. The grass berm which was dug up during construction was supposed to be top soiled and regrassed. Well, it was done after a fashion, but it was walked all over by workers on wet days while doing other work, leaving deep holes as the ground was very soft.

I twisted my ankle while getting out of the passenger side of the car, due to the very uneven surface. We were told the berm would be reinstated to the condition it was in prior to the work commencing.

Also, the broken concrete that was caused by the digger doing the trenches has not been reinstated.

Then on 1/10/24 a new lampost was installed to accommodate the pedestrian crossing lighting. The trench across the footpath and the berm area have not been reinstated. We have provided information re this previously.

Finally, after nearly a month since the activation of the crossing lights, someone came the night before last and removed the signs saying the lights have not yet been commissioned. Some white lines were also painted on the road. Thank you.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards.

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 12 December 2024 5:21 pm
To: Transport Project Delivery Team
Cc: Paul Hewitt; Chris Parkin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Kelson Pedestrian Crossing - Attn Rona.

Hello Rona,
I wanted to let you know that the trench across the footpath, from the new lamp post, has now been repaired and also topsoiled and seeded with grass seed. So that's good, thank you. Hopefully the grass grows ok, unlike all the other areas that were seeded previously and have now turned a reddish colour. Maybe that was the intent I don't know.
So, would there be any chance, before Christmas, of getting the berm areas topsoiled, leveled out (they are very uneven, causing several ankle twists) and grass seeded please?
Also to let you know I have submitted a complaint re the comments that were made by someone about various parties, so I guess you will see that? If not, let me know and I can copy you.
Any progress on the light shading issue yet?
Thank you.
Regards.

s7(2)(a)

On 19/11/2024 10:55 NZDT J Small wrote:

Good morning Rona,

Thank you for your email and the update.

1. I note the following statement is in the update information: -

"To minimise light impact on nearby homes, the beacons include cube-shaped light columns with blockers on two faces."

Whilst this might be technically correct, these blockers are totally ineffective.

Can this be rectified asap please.

2. I also note this statement: -

"A final adjustment will include block-out paint to further shield light, applied to the maximum extent before compromising safety."

This may help, so when will this happen?

3. How are you going with providing me with the survey data which I requested on 6/11/24?

4. Any update on when the other repair/reinstatement items will be rectified?

5. Did you find out anything about a HCC complaint procedure that I could use?

Thank you and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards.

s7(2)(a)

On 18/11/2024 16:30 NZDT Transport Project Delivery Team wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thank you, for your incredible patience and s7(2)(a) for your time on the phone previously.

Please find a final message about the Major Drive Crossing here [Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing](#).

Ngā mihi nui

Rona

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:55 AM
To: Transport Project Delivery Team
Cc: Paul Hewitt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: RE: Kelson Pedestrian Crossing - Attn Rona.

Good morning Rona,

Any news yet?

Thank you.

s7(2)(a)

----- Original Message -----

From: s7(2)(a)
To: "TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz"
<TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>
CC: "paul.hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz"
<paul.hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>
Date: 14/11/2024 10:30 NZDT
Subject: Fwd: RE: Kelson Pedestrian Crossing - Attn Rona

Good morning Rona,

Anything to report yet?

Thank you.

Regards.

s7(2)(a)

----- Original Message -----

From: s7(2)(a)
To:
"TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz"
<TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>
Date: 08/11/2024 12:18 NZDT

Subject: Fwd: RE: Kelson Pedestrian
Crossing - Attn Rona

Good afternoon Rona,

Could you please advise that status of the
requests below.

Thank you.

Regards.

s7(2)(a)

----- Original Message -----

From: s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a)

To: Transport Project Delivery
Team
<TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>

CC:
"paul.hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz"
<paul.hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>,
"Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.n
z"
<[Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.
nz](mailto:Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz)>

Date: 06/11/2024 12:35 NZDT

Subject: RE: Kelson Pedestrian
Crossing

Good afternoon Rona,

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respond as the
earliest.

Kind regards,

Rona

From: s7(2)(a)
s7(2)(a)

Sent: Friday,
October 25, 2024
11:01 AM

To: Paul Hewitt
<Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>;
Transport Project
Delivery Team
<TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject:
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Regards.

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2024 11:29 am
To: Paul Hewitt; Transport Project Delivery Team
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kelson Pedestrian Crossing

Good morning,
We are really disappointed that well within two workings day of the closing of the survey, without any prior notice, the beacons are being installed.
Did you consult with s7(2)(a) as you said you would re the actual configuration of the lights?
Can we have the results of the survey please.
Thank you

s7(2)(a)

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From: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 18 November 2024 4:35 pm
To: Hayley Singleton
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kelson Crossing

From: Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 4:32 PM
To: s7(2)(a)
Cc: Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>; Paul Hewitt <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jon Kingsbury <Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz>; Tui Lewis <Tui.Lewis@huttcity.govt.nz>; Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kelson Crossing

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thank you, for your email and patience.

Please find a final message about the Major Drive Crossing here [Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing](#).

Ngā mihi nui
Rona

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 9:49 AM
To: Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>; Paul Hewitt <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jon Kingsbury <Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz>; Tui Lewis <Tui.Lewis@huttcity.govt.nz>; Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kelson Crossing

Hi all,

I'm still waiting on a response from anyone regarding what has happened with the installation of the Belisha beacons at the kelson crossing.

I now also would like a please explain on why the lights were approved on the 20th September almost a full month before the community consultation started in 18th October? This is incredibly deceptive of the council and this needs to be looked into as to why a few vocal member of a group some not even kelson residents have taken priority over residents who live Right next to this crossing!

I want to discuss this with you as the council before I look to take this further.

I still await your reply.

From: [Paul Hewitt](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Major Drive
Date: Friday, 20 S

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I am getting in touch to let
the crossing in Kelson.

Our team are now working

The team will be in touch

Regards
Paul



18 October 2024

Consultation on Flashing Belisha's (Beacons) Over Major Drive Raised Pedestrian Crossing

Kia ora,

This letter is to provide information regarding proposed changes to the recently installed pedestrian crossing on Major Drive. We are seeking feedback on proposed changes which aim to improve safety for pedestrians and road users.

What we are proposing	Replacing the current orange discs with flashing beacons over the Major Drive raised pedestrian crossing.
Why we are proposing the change	Residents have raised safety concerns about visibility during nighttime and foggy conditions. The new flashing beacons will improve visibility and enhance safety.
Where the changes are proposed	The flashing beacons will be installed on the newly installed streetlight poles at the raised pedestrian crossing over Major Drive.
What will the change achieve	The installation of flashing beacons will improve safety for pedestrians by increasing visibility for drivers, especially in low-light or foggy conditions.
Notes	We acknowledge that some residents have expressed concerns about light spill into nearby houses. To address this, we will remove the slits in the flashing beacons to direct light away from homes. The beacons will be designed to flash only toward the road users and those crossing, improving safety without causing unnecessary light intrusion.
Have your say	If you would like to provide feedback on this proposal please visit our website: https://haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz/ The online survey will be open until 5:00pm Friday, 25 October 2024
Next steps	We will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the LED lights already installed at this pedestrian crossing and the feedback from this consultation will be assessed to inform Council's decision about the installation and activation of the flashing beacons.

Regards

s7(2)(a)

Sent on the run

On 14 Nov 2024, at 9:27 AM, s7(2)(a) wrote:

Hi

Just resending my email regarding the kelson crossing. I would appreciate a reply as to why against road safety engineers reports Belisha beacons were installed.

I have a meeting planned with Chris Bishop MP in early December. It would be good if all could make this meeting for explanation and next steps. I will confirm date and time soon.

Regards

s7(2)(a)

On 8 Nov 2024, at 4:25 PM, s7(2)(a) :

Hi Jon and Paul

I'm just writing to express my disappointment in the Hutt city council and it's consolation with residents regarding adding the flashing Belisha lights to the kelson crossing.

It seems very clear the lights were approved before the survey has published as it was bragged about by Mr K Dolver that he had got these approved in September and had an email from Paul Hewitt confirming the installation. Then the survey came out. Will you release the IP address of the results as the way the survey was designed which I imagine was on purpose allowed for one person to spam the system. Would make for interesting reading to see the true results.

I can't see any need for these lights, these are designed for busy high use inner city night time crossing of which kelson is not. It is a low use school crossing and was perfectly visible before the flashing belishas were installed.

I've had my first experience with the danger these cause when driving down the hill. They are incredibly distracting and I could not see a man standing road side by his trailer until I was right next to him. It seems it's only a matter of time before a distracted driver causes an accident due to these flashing lights.

What I don't understand is if these had to be installed why not on a sensor So they only flash when someone is crossing.

Can you explain the logic in installing these and not on a sensor?

I am happy to meet you one night at the crossing to see how many people cross here. Let me know when suits!

I also feel for the residents who live around these lights it must be incredibly frustrating looking at these each and every night.

From my understanding one local bully pushed and pushed using threats to get these installed and the council buckled to him. It's very disappointing and shows what a weak bunch we have in the council.

I look forward to hearing back with valid reasons for installing these this way when all advice from the transport authority would suggest they are not needed.

Regards

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)
To: [Transport Project Delivery Team](#)
Cc: [Paul Hewitt](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Flashing Lights now on during the day!!
Date: Sunday, 10 November 2024 12:54:30 pm

Hi Rona,
Urgent - flashing pedestrian crossing beacons still going since last night (Saturday). The street lights are still on too. Please could you get them turned off immediately, they are driving us insane, it's bad enough having them flashing all night but this is just ridiculous, put yourself in our shoes. What have done to deserve this ongoing torture?
Regards.

s7(2)(a)

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 22 November 2024 12:11 pm
To: Transport Project Delivery Team
Cc: Paul Hewitt; Hayley Singleton; Chris Parkin; Jon Kingsbury
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Afternoon Paul and the HCC Transport Team,

Can you confirm if the shields or lights were installed yesterday? Either way this has done absolutely nothing.

Hutt City Council need to be putting these lights on demand or remove them ASAP.

Happy to have a conversaiton about this in person, as I am not sure why this is so hard given other lights around the Hutt are set up in this way. Our concerns were voiced about these ligths months ago and should have been thought about before these ligths were installed, this is absolutely unacceptatble.

Your response to my questions on 18 November 2024 are still left unresolved, as a reminder these were:

1. When will the block out paint be applied.
2. Why will these not put them on demand considering the low usage of this crossing at night.
3. When are shields on the beacons and street lights being installed.

Regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 18 November 2024 6:01 pm
To: Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Paul Hewitt <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Hi,

Your messaging says 'the lights with 'cube-shaped light columns with blockers on two faces' but this is obviously not working and is no form of mitigation for impacted residents.

The next sentence says 'a final adjustment will include block-out paint to further shield light, applied to the maximum extent before compromising safety' but **WHEN**, this should have been done before they were installed.

A response to the following is required:

1. When will the block out paint be applied. This should have been two weeks ago before the lights were installed.
2. Why will these not put them on demand considering the **low usage** of this crossing at night.
3. When are shields on the beacons and street lights being installed like I asked months ago.

Please send me no further links to the survey. The survey was very bias as a result of threats, badly worded, unprofessional and the decision had already made as per Paul Hewitt's email to me on the 20/09/2024.

I am pulling my hair out at how slow and unemphatic HCC is being, this is our home and you need to get this crossing right.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 18 November 2024 4:34 pm

To: s7(2)(a)

Cc: Paul Hewitt <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>; Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Kia ora

s7(2)(a)

Thank you, for your email correspondence and patience on a response.

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Ngā mihi nui

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From: s7(2)(a)

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 5:51 PM

To: Paul Hewitt <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>; transportprojectdelivery@huttcity.govt.nz; Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Hi Paul,

It has now been over **two weeks** since these lights were installed and our concerns raised (yet again). To date we have not received any correspondence from the Council regarding our concerns.

This matter, which I should not need to remind you, is extremely urgent as these lights are having significant impacts on our everyday lives.

If extra time is needed to make a plan (in collaboration with **impacted** residents), then simply turn off the lights.

I will pop into Council on **Friday 27th November** (if no response has been received) for a chat. Paul - if this date does not suit, please organise an alternative day.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)

Sent: Sunday, 10 November 2024 6:22 pm

To: paul.hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>;
transportprojectdeliveryteam@huttcity.govt.nz <transportprojectdeliveryteam@huttcity.govt.nz>;
transportprojectdelivery@huttcity.govt.nz <transportprojectdelivery@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Hi Paul & the HCC Transport Team,

At 131 Major Drive we are in for another sleepless night. Since the beacons were installed, we have had flashing orange light come through the front door and around the curtains which is keeping us awake. Our mental health is at a all time low and we are now seeking medial assistance because of the stress and anxiety this crossing has caused.

From day 1, a long 11 months ago now, I expressed huge concerns with these beacons in particular, light spill. I am beyond disappointed to see that 1) they were installed after a very questionable survey, 2) no mitigation measures to reduce light spill was installed immediately, 3) HCC completely back tracked on their Safety report because of a baseless claim by an unverified source, 4) I was not contacted regarding the survey or installation of the beacons after putting so much of my time and energy into this.

Unlike other members of the community ("Kelson Road Safety Group"), I feel we have been approachable, reasonable and have tried our utter best to work with Council. I have come across information that members of this group had threatened the council with media or lawyers or bullied staff or other residents. This behaviour is absolutely appalling and I am genuinely sorry that the team has had to deal with this, no one under any circumstances should have to deal with this behaviour.

What I need and want for Council is, urgently install light shields on the beacons, LED lights and nearby street lights. Then, to alter the beacons to be put on a on-demand basis similar to under the Maungaraki fly over and possibly Normandale.

I am more than happy to discuss solutions with you in person, over the phone or through email.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2024 9:56 am
To: Hayley Singleton
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hayley Singleton
Mayor's Office Coordinator

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central, Lower Hutt 5010

P: 0800 488 824 **M:** **W:** www.huttcity.govt.nz



From: Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:01 PM
To: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Kia ora Campbell and Jo,

Sorry to have to escalate this to you but the other channels do not seem to be effective.

Again, I'm disappointed that this wasn't done before hand especially as we knew this was a significant issue even before we went out to consultation.

I expected officers to respond with a timeframe for the completion and the reason why we didn't install shielding in the first place.

Could you please ensure we are taking all practicable steps to clean up this mess as quickly as possible?

See the thread below for more information

Nga mihi,
Chris Parkin

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 5:49:55 pm
To: Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Hi Chris,

I received the below from the Transport Team.

I am not sure why they are not getting the message.

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Sent: Monday, 18 November 2024 4:34 pm
To: s7(2)(a)
Cc: Paul Hewitt <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>; Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thank you, for your email correspondence and patience on a response.

Please find a final message about the Major Drive Crossing here [Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing](#).

Ngā mihi nui
 Rona

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 5:51 PM
To: Paul Hewitt <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Transport Project Delivery Team <TransportProjectDeliveryTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>; transportprojectdelivery@huttcity.govt.nz;

Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Hi Paul,

It has now been over **two weeks** since these lights were installed and our concerns raised (yet again). To date we have not received any correspondence from the Council regarding our concerns.

This matter, which I should not need to remind you, is extremely urgent as these lights are having significant impacts on our everyday lives.

If extra time is needed to make a plan (in collaboration with **impacted** residents), then simply turn off the lights.

I will pop into Council on **Friday 27th November** (if no response has been received) for a chat. Paul - if this date does not suit, please organise an alternative day.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)

Sent: Sunday, 10 November 2024 6:22 pm

To: paul.hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz <Paul.Hewitt@huttcity.govt.nz>;

transportprojectdeliveryteam@huttcity.govt.nz <transportprojectdeliveryteam@huttcity.govt.nz>;

transportprojectdelivery@huttcity.govt.nz <transportprojectdelivery@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: Urgent mitigation required - Kelson crossing

Hi Paul & the HCC Transport Team,

At [REDACTED] Major Drive we are in for another sleepless night. Since the beacons were installed, we have had flashing orange light come through the front door and around the curtains which is keeping us awake. Our mental health is at a all time low and we are now seeking medial assistance because of the stress and anxiety this crossing has caused.

From day 1, a long 11 months ago now, I expressed huge concerns with these beacons in particular, light spill. I am beyond disappointed to see that 1) they were installed after a very questionable survey, 2) no mitigation measures to reduce light spill was installed immediately, 3) HCC completely back tracked on their Safety report because of a baseless claim by an unverified source, 4) I was not contacted regarding the survey or installation of the beacons after putting so much of my time and energy into this.

Unlike other members of the community ("Kelson Road Safety Group"), I feel we have been approachable, reasonable and have tried our utter best to work with Council. I have come across information that members of this group had threatened the council with media or lawyers or bullied staff or other residents. This behaviour is absolutely appalling and I am genuinely sorry that the team has had to deal with this, no one under any circumstances should have to deal with this behaviour.

What I need and want for Council is, urgently install light shields on the beacons, LED lights and nearby street lights. Then, to alter the beacons to be put on a on-demand basis similar to under the Maungaraki fly over and possibly Normandale.

I am more than happy to discuss solutions with you in person, over the phone or through email.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

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From: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 14 November 2024 8:18 am
To: Paul Hewitt
Cc: Rona Lemalu; transport_referrals
Subject: Kelson Crossing

Kia ora Paul,

Passing onto you as I know you're already working on a response to s7(2)(a) email.

One resident who does not wish to be named on email and s7(2)(a) met with Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis yesterday to discuss Kelson Crossing.

The unnamed resident is in the group **against** the flashing beacons at Kelson Crossing. He lives directly opposite the crossing and would prefer the beacons to be removed but asked if we could add shields to them. He also asked if they could be put on a sensor. He is worried about his fiancée as she is very upset over the lack of privacy, bright lights going into their house in the middle of the night and the loud noises from speeding cars crashing over the crossing. He showed Tui a photo of the crossing taken from his bedroom window at 4am. The photo was bright, and Tui noted that the street looks very well lit, including with streetlamps nearby. Tui asked if we could get shades added to the lights like how other crossings have.

s7(2)(a) (Not his real name – He also did not want his real name on email) lives across from the unnamed resident, at the other side of the pedestrian crossing. He also is **against** the flashing lights. He is concerned about the amount of abusive emails HCC staff received from the group of residents that do want the flashing lights. He wants to know what the process is of handling abusive emails that threaten staff members jobs.

He also mentioned how unsettled everyone in the neighbourhood is now over the crossing and asked if HCC can do anything to defuse the situation in the community.

He also mentioned there are quite a lot of small jobs in Kelson that have been left unfinished e.g. Kelson Crossing has been left messy and trenches on footpaths etc. He has mentioned this to Rona. Tui would like to know if contractors have to finish a job to a good standard or high standard and how do we check.

He asked for a breakdown on the consultation of how many were valid responses there are and how do we verify they are valid (e.g. one person could submit multiple responses)

He also said the raised crossing hasn't stopped vehicles speeding and the crossing causes a loud noise when cars go over it, especially large trucks, and cars with trailers.

He said Police came to monitor speeding once the crossing was completed but have not been since and thinks they should come more regularly.

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 9 December 2024 1:02 pm
To: Transport Project Delivery Team
Cc: Paul Hewitt; Jon Kingsbury
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kelson Pedestrian Crossing - Attn Rona

Good morning Rona,
We still await your response.
You must have a plan by now.
Thank you.
Regards

s7(2)(a)

On 02/12/2024 19:23 NZDT J Small wrote:

Hello Rona,
Anything to report yet.
Thank you
Regards.

s7(2)(a)

On 29/11/2024 00:21 NZDT J Small wrote:

Good morning Rona,
How are we progressing with regards to a plan for the situation as described below?
Thank you.
Regards

s7(2)(a)

On 27/11/2024 00:31 NZDT J Small wrote:

Good morning Rona,
We have not yet heard from you about how the situation described below will be mitigated.
We look forward to your response which would be appreciated by 28/11/24.
Thank you.
Regards.

s7(2)(a)

On 22/11/2024 13:27 NZDT J Small wrote:

Good afternoon Rona,
As I guess you are aware, the blackout paint was applied to the flashing lights on Wednesday 20 November 2024.
Attached are images of the view from our place, before and after the paint application, from various angles and the conclusion is that there is no difference at all.
The painted areas of the lamp housing are not effective in providing any light spill

mitigation as the light still floods from the unpainted areas in a 360° arc.
We would be most grateful if you let us know how this situation might be rectified. A response by 26/11/24 would be appreciated. FYI, monitoring of the crossing use at night during the last week showed zero pedestrians.
Thank you.
Regards.

s7(2)(a)

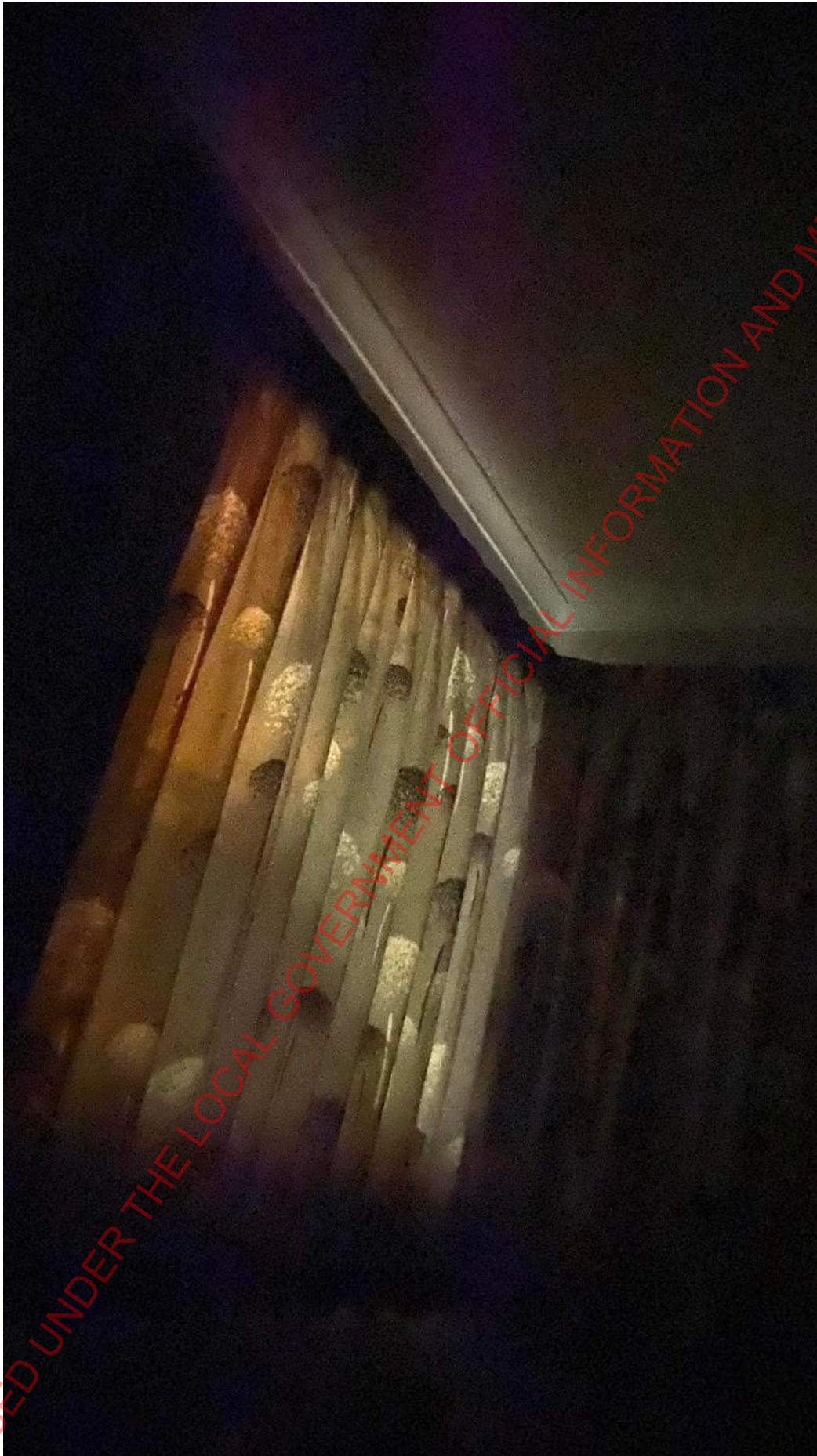
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Bedroom Before Blackout Curtains



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Bedroom after Blockout Curtains



From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Saturday, 15 March 2025 7:19 am
To: Hayley Singleton; Campbell Barry
Cc: Chris Parkin; Chris Bishop
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi everyone,

My apologies that it has taken so long for me to write this email. I would just like to say thank you, thank you for installing the sensors on the belisha beacons. The difference it has made is utterly amazing I cannot tell you the sense of relief and weight that was lifted when they were installed.

Do not get me wrong, while the solution is not perfect and we would have preferred the original discs, I am confident this is a solution both sides of the community should be happy with. There are some teething issues, like the lights do seem to get confused around dawn and dusk (flicker here and there when not sensor triggered) but apart from that they are off for the vast majority of the night as there are no pedestrians.

If HCC think it would be beneficial, I would love to provide feedback on the whole process noting there are other tasks for the crossing i.e. maintenance, light shields and of course noise from the speed hump which need to be remediated. I think the Kelson crossing has bought forward many learning opportunities and on both sides.

Hope everyone has a nice weekend.

Kind regards,
 s7(2)(a)

From: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 3:56 pm
To: s7(2)(a)
Cc: Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris Bishop <Christopher.Bishop@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.
 Campbell met with Jon Kingsbury yesterday, who advised that the electrician on site required an additional piece of equipment, which is currently being shipped from Australia. Once installed, the sensor will function correctly, activating when pedestrians are crossing.

Hayley Singleton

Mayor's Office Coordinator

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central, Lower Hutt 5010

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Saturday, 15 February 2025 1:27 pm**To:** Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>; Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>**Cc:** Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris Bishop <Christopher.Bishop@parliament.govt.nz>; Jon Kingsbury <Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz>**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Hi Campbell,

Can you please provide an urgent update on the status of the belisha beacon sensors.

One sensor was installed on the 5th February and has resulted in the lights turning on approx. 30 minutes before streetlighting, continuing to flash all night and turning off 30 minutes after street lighting.

Regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 10:00 am**To:** s7(2)(a)**Cc:** Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jon Kingsbury <Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz>**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Kia ora

s7(2)(a)

The Project Delivery Team have confirmed that the installation of the sensors to manage the belisha activation is planned for 5th February.

Following the installation there will be testing to ensure the devices activate as intended. Adjustments will be made as necessary to the sensors to ensure they are activating the belisha lights as intended.

Hayley Singleton

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 3 February 2025 8:52 am**To:** cam; Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>; Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>; Jon Kingsbury <Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz>**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Morena everyone,

Is someone able to provide an update on Kelson pedestrian crossing belisha beacons? Thanks.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 2:13:46 PM**To:** Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>; Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>**Cc:** Jon Kingsbury <Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz>**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Hi Campbell,

Thank you for the phone call just before re the beacons.

I really appreciate your help on this issue, it is a absolutely massive relief that our concerns have finally been heard and a solution is on its way.

Just to summarise our conversation, as I understand, pedestrian sensors on the belshia beacons are going to be installed sometime in the NY year. You mentioned the equipment has been ordered but it could be some time for the equipment to be installed given the Christmas break soon approaching etc.

Could I please ask if yourself/Hayley or someone from the Transport team keep me updated on an installation date or if there are any massive delays to the programme. This will really help our mindset and patience while we wait for these sensors to be installed. I may just send a query email early February 2025, if I haven't heard anything.

Again, thank you for getting a solution across the line. I hope yourself and the Transport team have a good well needed break over the Christmas and New Year period.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: s7(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 11 December 2024 1:28 pm

To: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>; Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>

Cc: Jon Kingsbury <Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Hi Campbell,

I have been eagerly awaiting a response regarding a solution to these beacons. Are you able to provide an update?

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

From: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2024 4:38 pm

To: s7(2)(a) Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>

Cc: Jon Kingsbury <Jon.Kingsbury@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Kia ora

s7(2)(a)

Thank you for taking time out of your day to meet with the Mayor.

Mayor Barry has already met with the Director of Economy and Development to discuss your concerns. The Director will look at whether sensors are possible.

I'll get back to you next week with an update.

Hayley Singleton
Mayor's Office Coordinator

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 2:08 PM
To: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson crossing

Hi Campbell & Hayley,

Thanks for your time today discussing the Kelson Crossing. I have cc'ed in Chris Parkin as I have also been in contact with him about the crossing.

As you are aware, the last 12-months since we received the proposal letter for the crossing have been a nightmare, with the latest upset being the flashing beacons causing additional stress, anxiety and sleepless nights. There are multiple moving parts/upsets that have developed as a result of this crossing and so there have been many emails, complaints, OIA's and meetings. To be fully transparent (something I didn't mention over coffee), I have laid a formal complaint with HCC dated 18/11/2024, as this crossing has majorly impacted our lives and the way we live in our home. I am happy to send the details of this if required.

The biggest issue at present is the flashing beacons and so, it would be great if you could run through the following with the HCC Transport Team;

1. Can the beacons be removed and discs reinstalled (in line with the Safety Report),
2. If removing the beacons is not a option, can these beacons be put on-demand (for pedestrians not cars),
3. If none of the above are possible then I would really love to have a open conversation with Transport Team as to why and ultimately work together to find another solution.

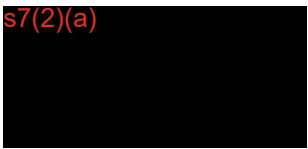
I look forward to your response, hopefully by the end of next week or the start of the week after. Let me know if more time is required or if I misunderstood the timeframe.

Also please feel free to give me a call, email, or pop up our way to see the crossing at night from outside or inside. As I like to call it the "light show" begins around 8:45pm at the moment.

Hope you have a good rest of the week.

Kind regards,

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From: s7(2)(a)
To: [Paul Hewitt](#); [Jon Kingsbury](#); [Campbell Barry](#); [Chris Parkin](#); christopher.bishop@parliament.govt.nz
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson Pedestrian Crossing - Health Effects - Private & Confidential
Date: Friday, 20 December 2024 12:47:44 pm
Attachments: [Letter from s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Dear Campbell, Jon, Paul, Chris P and Chris B,
This is for your information to show that, as a result of having to deal with the many challenges around this project, the impact on the personal health of people who live right on the crossing is real, serious and continuing.
We trust we can get everything settled, and there's a lot, asap so we can get on with our lives.
Thank you.
Regards.

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Mayor Campbell Barry
Hutt City Council
By email

14 January 2025

Re: Kelson Crossing

Dear Campbell

As you know I have been a supporter of a proper pedestrian crossing on Major Drive near Kelson School. I will not relitigate the history as you are aware of it. Recently I visited some residents on Major Drive who live near and around the crossing. They are unhappy at the way the crossing has been installed and designed. Most specifically there is great unhappiness over the flashing lights that go through the night, shining light into their houses. There are also complaints over the raised humps that cars have to drive over as well as the larger lights that light up the crossing. I have to admit that when I pushed hard for a pedestrian crossing on Major Drive I did not think it would end up designed like this – it does seem far too over-designed for something used during the morning and afternoon school drop-off/pick-up times. I understand there is some possible movement from Council on this. At the very least can the flashing lights be removed?

Kind regards,

Chris Bishop
Member of Parliament for Hutt South

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From: s7(2)(a)
To: [Tui Lewis](#); [Campbell Barry](#); [Hayley Singleton](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Kelson Pedestrian Crossing.
Date: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 2:49:15 pm

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Good afternoon,

Thank you, Tui & Hayley, for your time earlier. this afternoon. Sorry I missed you Campbell.

My requests are: -

1. Provide details re the correct functioning of the pedestrian activated lights. e.g. area of pedestrian presence that causes activation, length of time the lights remain on/flash after activation, likely causes of activation other than a pedestrian presence and any other details that may help determine than the system is functioning as planned.
2. Confirm that the contractors who have installed the sensor system have completed the work to their satisfaction. A completed sign off checklist would be useful.

An update on other items is below.

We would like to see the humps removed as they cause us more grief on a daily basis.

Thank you.

Regards

s7(2)(a)

----- Original Message -----

From: s7(2)(a)
To: "campbell.barry@huttcity.govt.nz" <campbell.barry@huttcity.govt.nz>
CC: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Date: 24/01/2025 21:21 NZDT
Subject: Kelson Pedestrian Crossing.
 Hello Campbell,

Thank you for taking the time to talk on Wednesday 22/01/25 with me re the Kelson pedestrian crossing, much appreciated.

1. Thank you also for acknowledging that this project has had health impacts on nearby residents who live with the crossing daily.
2. Re LGOIMA re the survey for community input re the flashing lights. As I mentioned, I asked via my usual channel and did not receive a response, lodged a LGOIMA and received a response which did not answer any of my questions. I replied to the response and did not receive any reply. This has now been passed on to the ombudsman to follow up/action. **No reply received as at Wed 12 March 2025**
3. Complaint re abusive/unacceptable comments/behaviour towards HCC staff and Kelson residents from correspondents who had a different point of view. **No response from HCC re this.** You undertook to check re HCC policy about the handling of such situations. I look forward to hearing about that.
4. You undertook to provide some more technical information about the pedestrian activated lights that are proposed to be installed. I look forward to learning about this system.
5. Here is a list of items in the "to do" list.

- Reinstate the berms, both sides, including proper leveling and grass seeding. **Completed**
- Install shields on the crossing focused lights and the four streetlights in close proximity to the crossing. **No action yet.**
- More shielding on the flashing beacons or replace. Proximity sensor lights may mitigate this. **In progress.**
- Resolve the drainage issues on both southern edges of the raised parts of the crossing.
- Plan to slow traffic down to mitigate the significant noise pollution.

- Rubbish falling off vehicles is also an issue. No Action yet.
- Remove some temporary signage, which belongs to JFC. Completed
 - Reinstate chipped/broken concrete footpaths. Completed
 - Plan to maintain the central island. Grass moving, rubbish removal. In Progress

Attached for your reference is an interesting pedestrian crossing design from Europe, FYI.

<https://youtu.be/sAd9rIPUM8U>

Also attached are pictures to help illustrate some of the "To Do" items mentioned above.

Thank you and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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Central island overgrown, full of
weeds and rubbish. Maintenance
issue.



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Southern end fully kitted out with Children
and School Signs.

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No School Crossing Sign or School Sign on
this one!

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Eastern side, flooding area, Silt outlines water level area. Need to redesign drainage system.



Drainage channel blocked with rubbish,
maintenance issue.

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**Berm outside 120 Major Drive.
Full of holes, divots, needs top soil and
seeding.**

From: s7(2)(a)
 To: [Campbell Barry](#)
 Cc: [Hayley Singleton](#)
 Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kelson Pedestrian Crossing - Mayors Office response
 Date: Thursday, 10 April 2025 6:46:52 pm
 Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Kelson Ped Crossing - Video 1 - 2025-04-10.zip](#)

Good afternoon Campbell,

This email has one video attached.

Thank you for your time on Friday 28/03/2025, much appreciated. Sorry for the delayed response.

As requested, here are the photos, along with a couple of short videos, to help highlight the challenges the community living adjacent to the crossing still face.

I've added feedback, in red, to the response received from the council.

Photos attached are: -

1. Berm outside 120 Major, view a.
2. Berm outside 120 Major, view b.
3. Central Island view.
4. Lonely Pole - Can this be removed please as it isn't doing anything?

Videos (sent separately) are: -

1. Boy Racers - Sound not very good, but you get the idea. Note the vehicle lights reflecting on the windows of the house opposite as the white ute spins in the area of the intersection of Major Drive and Taieri Cres, out of camera view.

2. Speeder - Shows how little effect the raised crossing has on speed.

The boy racers were at it again last Friday night, 04/04/2025, same thing some of the same vehicles, but just to the left of the camera view.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Regards.

s7(2)(a)

- **Pedestrian-Activated Lights Functioning:** The pedestrian sensor is designed to activate as pedestrians approach the crossing. Once activated, the lights will flash for 20 seconds with a second activation occurring when a pedestrian is detected at the opposite light.
 - The lights which illuminate the crossing turn on approx 15 minutes earlier than the street lights are turned on and switch off 15 minutes after the street lights are turned off. Why?
 - The flashing lights still flash randomly when there are no pedestrians or animals etc to activate them. There is no pattern to this, but it does seem to occur more often shortly after the crossing lights are switched on and shortly before they are switched off. Having said that I have seen them flashing for no reason at various times through the night.
- **Contractor Sign-Off:** The contractor will continue to fine-tune to ensure accurate pedestrian detection, to the end of March 2025.
 - Can we get the contractor to check/adjust/refine the camera settings please. Refer above.
- **Raised Crossing (Humps) Removal:** The raised crossing will remain in place.
 - Whilst this is an answer, it's not a solution. There has to be a better way. I would urge the council to work to come up with some innovative solutions. The 24/7 crashing and banging is just not acceptable. And to add insult to injury we have been subjected to boy racer's antics near the crossing for the last two Friday nights. Apart from the noise we have vibration, rubbish

coming off trailers and no doubt it is just a matter of time before there will be damage to properties/vehicles, or worse. We all know speed is a significant issue but there has not been any enforcement for a very long time. Can we at least get some of this?

- **Complaint Handling:** Although no issues of bullying and harassment by members of the public have been raised by Council officers with respect to the Kelson crossing, we thank you for your individual concern.
 - As discussed, this should be a focus as part of the council's H&S activity. Maybe the council should be proactive, as we know there were unacceptable remarks made by members of the public to Council Officers, and ask these officers about how they felt about this abuse. The lack of any feedback by any council officers maybe more an indication of the difficulty of doing so or knowing the likely outcome.
 - I still await a response to my official complaint.
- **Berm Reinstatement:** The levelling of the berm and grass seeding has been completed.
 - Yes, it has, and now we have a nice patchy collection of weeds and clover. Why is this so difficult?
- **Streetlight Shields:** The LED streetlights installed around the crossing include a tilt function to direct the light and minimise light spillage in the same way a light shield would work. This would result in streetlight shields being ineffective.
 - Sorry but we disagree, it is insufficient and, as previously agreed, would like the shields installed on the streetlights please.
- **Drainage Issues:** Water flow is difficult to manage around raised street assts such as raised crossings or traffic islands. We are aware that there is a small area of ponding present on the uphill edge of the raised crossing. This is a small accumulation of water that does not impact the operation of the road or crossing, no action will be taken on this currently.
 - FYI the drainage channels on both side the crossing are now pretty much completely blocked with silt and rubbish. This means that the flooding occurs with even light rain, more significant rain events mean more flooding. Eventually the water will probably get under the raised part and start lifting it. Long term this will be a significant issue.
- **Traffic Slowing & Noise:** The raised crossing and associated warning signage is designed to slow vehicles down as they approach the crossing. The responsibility for ensuring loads are safe sits with the driver of the vehicle.
 - Agree, but unfortunately, we have a significant number of irresponsible drivers around here and the nature of the approaches to the crossing encourage an increase in speed. The speed limits, let alone the speed advisories are totally ignored yet there is virtually no policing, as per above comment. Check out the video below for the impact of the raised crossing on speed.
 - The speed limits around school start and finish are a joke as drivers just carry on as usual. Some policing is needed and I don't know the long term solution, but we can't wait for someone to suffer from a lack of action, as the speed issue has been known about forever and was quantified before this crossing was installed.
- **Temporary Signage Removal:** The temporary signage referred to has been removed from the site.
 - Yes, thank you.
- **Footpath Reinstatement:** Footpath repairs have been completed.
 - Yes, thank you.
- **Central Island Maintenance:** The maintenance of the grassed island will be incorporated in the same maintenance programme as other central median. You

will see it included in the next round of mowing.

- **When might that be?** There was a Downer team working on the edges of the other main median island last week, not mowing, but they did not do anything on the crossing island. Meantime it continues to collect rubbish and deteriorate by the day.

Kia ora

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Please find our responses below:

- **Pedestrian-Activated Lights Functioning:** The pedestrian sensor is designed to activate as pedestrians approach the crossing. Once activated, the lights will flash for 20 seconds with a second activation occurring when a pedestrian is detected at the opposite light.
- **Contractor Sign-Off:** The contractor will continue to fine-tune to ensure accurate pedestrian detection, to the end of March 2025.
- **Raised Crossing (Humps) Removal:** The raised crossing will remain in place.
- **Complaint Handling:** Although no issues of bullying and harassment by members of the public have been raised by Council officers with respect to the Kelson crossing, we thank you for your individual concern.
- **Berm Reinstatement:** The levelling of the berm and grass seeding has been completed.
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Nga Mihi

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Please note, the video file mentioned in the email above cannot be extracted and provided with this response due to Council's IT Policy.

From: Bradley Cato
Sent: Tuesday, 3 June 2025 7:11 pm
To: Information Requests; Paul Hewitt; Andrea Mitchell
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kelson Crossing Request and Complaint
Attachments: Data from Survey Results - 2025-05-18.ods

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:09:14 PM
To: Bradley Cato <Bradley.Cato@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kelson Crossing Request and Complaint

Dear Bradley,

Thank you for your response, it is appreciated.

As the information provided in your response shows that 46 contributors provided 192 responses and also shows that only 2 people registered, I would like to ask for the following information please.

- The number of responses per contributor.
- The Respondent Reference Number(s) for each response per contributor. Attached is a very simple spreadsheet that I trust helps.
- The location of the contributors as indicated by IP address or another appropriate tool. I am not asking for the IP address, just a location determined by Google or other search engine.

If you could provide this information by 12 June 2025 that would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Regards.

s7(2)(a)

On 13/05/2025 14:28 NZST Bradley Cato <bradley.cato@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear s7(2)(a)

I refer to your information request and subsequent complaint to the Ombudsman.

The Transport Team has reviewed your request and provides the attached and following information.

Please see below for the requested analytics summary for the Major Drive Pedestrian Crossing survey - LINK<<https://haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz/>> with project website updates provided.

1. Total unique visitors to the survey website: 72
2. Unique visitors who completed the survey: 46
3. Unique visitors registered on the survey website: 2
4. Unique registered visitors who completed the survey: 2
5. Unique unregistered visitors who completed the survey: 44
6. Timeline of survey response activity:

* Responses began on 18 October 2024 and ended on 25 October 2024.

* Significant activity occurred on 18, 20, 22, 24, and notably on 25 October 2024.

Note: We have identified that the number of submissions reported in the summary on the webpage was out by 1 (one), we have since corrected this in the information on the webpage.

Regarding your question seeking confirmation that 'the crossing that you refer to on Waiwhetu Road, is the one on the bend by the Fairfield shops? – The address for this crossing is 255 Waiwhetu Road.

We appreciate this has been a frustrating time and hope this data provides the clarity needed.

Regards

Brad

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6	3	2,8,6
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8	1	132
9	1	
10	10	
11	1	
12	2	
13	1	
14	1	
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NOTE: This column should show all respondent reference numbers from 1 to 192, grouped according to contributor. e.g. if a contributor has 3 responses there should be 3 respondent reference numbers.

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