



13 April 2026

Jonathan Clifford

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Tēnā koe Jonathan ,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 17 March 2026, seeking information about Council’s response to your 21 February 2026 call regarding enforcement of parking rules in relation to an NZTA safety camera vehicle. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. Why parking officers refused to attend your report and whether this was due to an exemption*
- 2. Whether the information you were given was incorrect, reflected poor training, or another reason*
- 3. Confirmation of whether the vehicle’s parking was illegal*
- 4. Confirmation of why the enforcement team did not act*

Answer:

Before responding to your request, Council acknowledges that incorrect information was provided to you during your call on 21 February 2026. To confirm, NZTA safety camera vehicles do not have a general exemption from Council parking rules.

Although the advice you were given about an exemption was incorrect, the decision not to take enforcement action was based on an assessment of the vehicle’s parking on the day. Parking officers had already observed the vehicle

earlier that day and determined that it was not parked illegally and that no enforcement action was required.

Parking on a berm is not automatically unlawful. Under Council's bylaws, parking on a berm is only an offence where it causes or is likely to cause damage to the berm, or where it obstructs traffic, pedestrians, or visibility for drivers entering or exiting the roadway. On the day in question, officers assessed that ground conditions were firm, no damage was caused to the berm, and the vehicle was not obstructing pedestrians or motorists. On that basis, the parking did not breach the bylaw.

For these reasons, enforcement officers did not attend in response to your report and no enforcement action was taken.

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



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