

Response to information request from [REDACTED]

6 September 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 11 August in which you requested the following information:

1. How many collisions both minor and major between vehicles and/or people have there been within 20 (twenty) metres of the intersections of Broughton St/Pomona St/Crombie St in the last 10 years. Please highlight the fatalities.

2. What reduction in that collision rate has been effected by the construction of:-

- The obstructions built in the middle of Broughton St and the removal of the parking spaces on the West side of Broughton St immediately outside of the front of the Broughton St Discounter (1 on attachment)?
- The construction of a potentially dangerous, concrete kerbed structure protruding into the carriageway on the south side of Pomona St at its intersection with Broughton St (2 on attachment)?
- The removal of the 1st (nearest Broughton St) car parking space on the north side of Pomona St immediately outside of the South side of the Broughton St Discounter and nearest to Broughton St (3 on attachment)?

3. What did each of these obstructions cost the ratepayers of Gore District?

4. What consideration, if any, has been given to the needs of those with restricted mobility and/or other special needs (birthing parents/chest feeders with theybies) and their increasingly restricted access to The Broughton St Discounter?

5. Will Council please now remove the hazardous obstruction in the middle of the road and reinstate the parking spaces outside The Broughton St Discounter at (1 on attachment) with 1(one) of them a designated mobility/theyby park?

Our Roading Asset Manager Murray Hasler provides the following response:

Waka Kotahi NZTA's Crash Analysis System (CAS) shows 13 accidents have been recorded in the last 10 years in the vicinity of Broughton Street/Pomona Street/Crombie Street intersections.

There were five injury accidents and eight non-injury accidents reported. No fatalities have been recorded.

No accidents have been recorded in this area since the traffic island in Broughton Street was installed as part of the Streets Alive initiative. The island prevents motorists from short-cutting across Broughton Street when travelling from Crombie to Pomona streets, or vice versa.

Carparks in Broughton and Crombie streets were removed because they were illegal and to improve safety for pedestrians and visibility for motorists.

The former car parks did not comply with national regulations, namely the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 Cl 6.3, which makes it illegal to park within six metres of a kerb tangent point.

One car park was mistakenly marked in Pomona Street recently. It was blacked out as soon as staff were made aware of it.

Traffic safety improvements in the area, including the traffic island, were part of Streets Alive, which Waka Kotahi NZTA funded. The Council received \$900,000 from the agency.

The improvements have made it safer for all road users. The Council also widened the entrance to car parking between the Broughton Street Discounter and Churchy's Butchery to encourage customers to use the safer off-street parking.

The former car parks in Broughton and Pomona streets, outside the Discounter, will not be reinstated. They were within six metres of the kerb tangent point and, therefore, illegal. They also compromised visibility.

The traffic island will remain unless elected members decide otherwise.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>



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