

Response to information request from [REDACTED]

27 October 2023

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your follow up email on 13 October about the Broughton Street/Crombie Street/Pomona Street intersection. You asked the following:

1. Can you please advise me who made the decision to place these “illegal” carparks, and what discussion was had around that matter leading to the decision to place “illegal” carparks?
2. What accountability has there been for these decisions to place “illegal” car parks?
3. How has removing the “illegal” car parks “improved safety for pedestrians and visibility for drivers”?
4. How has placing a sizeable obstruction in the middle of the road improved visibility for drivers?
5. How, on a straight, wide, level stretch of road having more than ample visibility did these “illegal” car parks 'compromise' visibility in any meaningful way?

Our Roading Asset Manager Murry Hasler has provided the following answers:

With regards to questions 1 and 2, the Council will not comment on the actions of specific staff and anything relating to their employment as a result of actions, in accordance with the Local Government Official Information Act Section 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of a person

The significant reduction in accidents in this area is the best indication of how the barrier in the middle of the road has improved visibility and safety.

It is important to appreciate this is a busy intersection of three streets - Broughton, Crombie and Pomona streets. Traffic flow and safety is not just an issue relating to Broughton Street.

The intersection is not a simple crossroads. There is a short (19m) distance along Broughton Street between the centrelines of Pomona and Crombie streets. Prior to the installation in Broughton Street many motorists took a short cut diagonally across the intersection without pausing or stopping at the entrance on to Broughton Street.

They treated the intersection as a crossroads. The island forces motorists to make two distinct turns to travel between Pomona Street and Crombie Street, which encourages motorists to halt before turning.

Visibility to and from vehicles on the Pomona Street leg is already limited by the shop frontage. Allowing vehicles, which could include large sized delivery vehicles, to park near the intersection, would provide further significant and unacceptable reduction in visibility.

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>

Kind regards



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