

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BDC Lgoima](#)
Subject: Information request regarding Heavy Transport Traffic on Menzies and Roebuck Streets Ref: OIA 097/23
Date: Wednesday, 30 August 2023 2:21:06 pm

Good afternoon

Please provide me with copies of any internal report, email or other paper based or electronic documentation written by Ian Hunter or any other staff member, contractor or consultant relating to the either:

- The review or installation of improved signage to direct heavy transport traffic away from Menzies and/or Roebuck Streets and instead towards the preferred bypass route of Palmerston, Mill and Queen Streets, OR
- The installation of physical structures ,or any other measures, on Menzies and/or Roebuck Streets or any associated intersection to restrict or exclude the movement of heavy transport traffic along these streets.

I am seeking documentation prepared following the date of the Council meeting held on 31 May 2023 through to today (30 August 2023).

Please email this information to [REDACTED]

Regards, [REDACTED]

Brayden O'Dea

From: Bruce Buxton <Bruce@buxtonconsulting.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 24 August 2023 10:53 am
To: Brayden O'Dea
Subject: RE: Roebuck Street

Kia ora Bro.

Can you please resend me your mobile number? Suggest you also include this in your signature at bottom of emails.

I am not sure of the background to this but is not uncommon, nor easy to sort out.

Are the signs legally enforceable? For example, speed control? [REDACTED]

Ngā mihi

Bruce Buxton
NZCE (Civil), REA

Ph 0272428676

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

From: Brayden O'Dea <Brayden.O'Dea@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Bruce Buxton <Bruce@buxtonconsulting.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Roebuck Street

Happy to discuss options when your free

Brayden O'Dea | Tech Support Infrastructure

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From: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Brayden O'Dea <Brayden.O'Dea@bdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Bruce Buxton <Bruce@buxtonconsulting.co.nz>
Subject: FW: Roebuck Street

Brayden

Do you have a preferred approach how we go [REDACTED]

Regards

Eric de Boer | Manager Infrastructure Delivery | 03 788 9645

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From: Ian [REDACTED] Hunter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 10:05 AM
To: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Roebuck Street

Hi Eric,
I just had a call from [REDACTED] who tells me the new signs have gone up but trickiest are taking no notice of them. The [REDACTED] Another [REDACTED]

Cheers,
Ian

Sent from my iPhone

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Cheers,
Ian

Sent from my iPhone

Brayden O'Dea

From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 4 August 2023 4:04 pm
To: Sattyajit Ghogare
Cc: Eric de Boer; Brayden O'Dea; Bruce Buxton; Mel Sutherland
Subject: Signing off matters

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Hi Satty,

Welcome back! What follows is a list of things I have been working on, and where they have got to. Not in any particular order:

[Redacted]

3. Roebuck Street signs for HT bypass – Westreef have been asked to purchase and erect. Council paper in draft. 6.5.7 Bridges, Overweights, Heavy Traffic: Heavy Traffic Bypass: August Council Paper

[Redacted]

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Brayden O'Dea

From: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 28 July 2023 2:44 pm
To: Ian Hunter; Brayden O'Dea
Subject: FW: Council Report - Follow up request: Roebuck Street Heavy Transport planning

FYI

Regards

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From: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 2:12 PM
To: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Council Report - Follow up request: Roebuck Street Heavy Transport planning

Hi Eric,

September would be great.

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Council.



From: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 11:36 AM

To: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>

Subject: Council Report - Follow up request: Roebuck Street Heavy Transport planning

Hi Mike

You will recall that in the May Council meeting; Councillors resolved (after debate) to ask staff for a further report on legal options on excluding trucking traffic from the Roebuck Street area.

As you can see (ref attached); I have placed this with Ian. But to be fair; the transport team has been so incredibly busy as of late. The councillors did not set a timeframe on the follow up report. Ian has begun to draft something and its taking shape; but it is not likely to make August, probably more Oct/Sept perhaps.

What we have done though is gotten busy on the more easy wins. The following has already been completed or is underway:

- Ian has liaised with [REDACTED]
- Inspected sites for additional signs
- Instructed contractor to mock up, produce and install signs
- Ian is following up with WRSL currently as they haven't erected them yet

With the advent of [REDACTED]; I will ask Ian & Brayden to visit the new owners once they arrive in town to ensure we clearly explain to [REDACTED] the appropriate Heavy Truck Haulage routes in and out of their site(s).

Regards

Eric de Boer | Manager Infrastructure Delivery

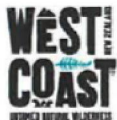
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Brayden O'Dea

From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 28 July 2023 12:21 pm
To: Eric de Boer
Subject: Roebuck Street HT
Attachments: August Council paper.docx

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Hi Eric,

This is where the Council paper has got to.

Cheers,

Ian

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Brayden O'Dea

From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 July 2023 3:06 pm
To: Alan Neill
Cc: Brayden O'Dea
Subject: New/Changed signs for the Westport Heavy Traffic Bypass
Attachments: Heavy Traffic By Pass Sign Additions 2023.docx

Hi Alan,

Following the last Council meeting I inspected the current signage on the Bypass with one of the submitters to the Council paper on heavy traffic using Roebuck Street. The attached shows the changes to signage that were agreed.

Could you please arrange supply of the new signs and for the changes described in the attached. Can this be done by the end of July? [REDACTED].

Regards,

Ian

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Brayden O'Dea

From: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 28 June 2023 2:50 pm
To: Ian Hunter
Subject: RE: Heavy Traffic Bypass

Ian

Yes please, go ahead with the signs if they are approved [REDACTED]

Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 2:12 PM
To: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Heavy Traffic Bypass

Hi Eric,

This is where the paper has got to so far. OK to go ahead with the new signs?

Cheers,

Ian

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Brayden O'Dea

From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 June 2023 8:10 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: May Council Meeting Report - Heavy Traffic Bypass - Performance to Direct Heavy Traffic through Westport

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending that information.

Regards,

Ian

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 7:36 PM
To: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: May Council Meeting Report - Heavy Traffic Bypass - Performance to Direct Heavy Traffic through Westport

Hi Ian

Following is the email I sent to Councillors in May 2023. The attachments include our submission to the Annual Plan, the letter we received after deliberations and the letter that should be sent annually to heavy traffic operators (as per Council resolution).

Regards, [REDACTED]

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: May Council Meeting Report - Heavy Traffic Bypass - Performance to Direct Heavy Traffic through Westport
Date: Sun, 28 May 2023 21:41:17 +1200
From: [REDACTED]

To: jamie.cleine@bdc.govt.nz, linda.webb@bdc.govt.nz, graeme.nevon@bdc.govt.nz, rosalie.sampson@bdc.govt.nz, toni.okeefe@bdc.govt.nz, andrew.basher@bdc.govt.nz, phil.grafton@bdc.govt.nz, annelise.pfahlert@bdc.govt.nz, joanne.howard@bdc.govt.nz, grant.weston@bdc.govt.nz, colin.reidy@bdc.govt.nz, ned.tauwhare@bdc.govt.nz

Good evening members of the Buller District Council.

My name is [REDACTED] and I will be speaking at Public Forum during next Wednesday's Council meeting about Heavy Transport Vehicles travelling on Roebuck Street. However, I have enclosed some background and comments about this issue which I hope you will have time to read before the meeting.

BACKGROUND

In February 2011, Council resolved to establish two heavy transport bypass routes through Westport as follows:

1. Brougham, Domett, Mill and Palmerston Streets (towards Northern Buller), and
2. Queen, Mill and Palmerston Streets (inland towards the Nine Mile).

This reflected the designations in Buller District Council's District Plan which label Mill and Queen Streets as arterial and collector routes respectively.

However, the signage placed on our local streets at the time only related to the northbound traffic not the inland route.

In 2013 I submitted to the 2013/14 Annual Plan requesting Council act to reduce the heavy transport traffic on Roebuck/Menzies Streets and Council resolved to send annual letters to major contractors requesting them where possible to use Queen and Mill Streets. However, these letters were only sent in 2015 and 2016.

2022/23 ANNUAL PLAN

Last year [REDACTED] and I lodged a submission to the 2022/23 Annual Plan (along with submissions from some of our neighbours) because of the disturbance the large truck and trailer units continued to cause along our small residential street.

I have attached my written submission which requested Council action to restrict the movement of heavy transport through traffic along Roebuck and Menzies Streets be included in the Roading programme for 2022/23. We also asked for signs to be installed that clearly direct large trucks away from Menzies and Roebuck Streets and instead along Mill and Queen.

In my submission I also raised two "urban myths" that I had encountered, these being:

1. Roebuck Street was upgraded to accommodate heavy transport when the new Buller Bridge was built, and
2. Holcim paid for the street to be upgraded.

Neither of these myths are true. What did occur? Roebuck Street was reconstructed by the Council during the 1980/81 financial year to the same specifications as any other residential street at the time.

After [REDACTED] and I spoke to our submissions on this topic we left the Council Hearing meeting feeling Councillors were supportive of our situation. In July 2022, I received a letter from Council which states:

"Signs will be changed accordingly, and an audit undertaken to ensure that suitable measures are in place. Notification has been issued to transport companies requesting that drivers only use the set routes. Council also agreed to the trial of some traffic calming measures."

PROGRESS DURING 2022/23

Since receiving this letter, I have been very disappointed with the progress made by Council staff on this matter. The signage has not been clear, and it is either not seen or is misinterpreted as relating to the other bypass by many of the truck drivers. Some local operators and drivers continue to use Roebuck/Menzies Streets to and from the Buller Bridge, along with out-of-town drivers who do not understand the signage due to its placement.

During November and December 2022 and January 2023, Council staff have told me that:

- an average of 21 Heavy Vehicles passing my home per day is acceptable, noting that mathematically this means some days there are more.
- the detrimental effect of the noise from the trucks is just my view – even though three other households in Roebuck Street presented similar views to the Annual Plan.
- Council files note the road was upgraded to specifications – with no details of these specifications provided when requested.
- the road has been assessed as suitable for the traffic loading – but no details of the scope of this assessment or the methodology provided when requested.
- I have driven along Roebuck Street and the road surface seems fine – which does not remotely compare to sitting in my home while a truck and trailer unit carting rocks travels past.
- currently vehicles are able to use the route and no change is planned for this area – I note this preceded the March 2023 traffic count.

In January 2023, [redacted] and I meet with Rachel Townrow and Mike Williams to express our concern regarding progress on restricting heavy transport vehicles on our street. At this point, in addition to the signage and letters that had resumed, [redacted] had been stopping and talking to each truck driver that travelled down Roebuck Street to explain about the bypass and to give them a photocopy of the Council letter. He continues to do this.

At this meeting Mike advised the traffic calming structures could not be done because there was no funding from Waka Kotahi specifically for this, but suggested road safety concerns would be considered by them when allocating funding.

However, he did commit to:

- instructing his staff to engage with [redacted] about more effective placement of additional signage on Palmerston and Queen Streets, and
- providing me with suitable contact details at Waka Kotahi to engage directly with them.

Following the meeting I sent an email to Mike outlining the safety issues relating to the vulnerable users of Roebuck Street and advised that Council's Revenue and Financing Policy allowed for 100% Council funding for traffic calming structures of the nature we were requesting.

To date [redacted] has not had any contact from the Transportation team and I have not received the Waka Kotahi contact details.

I do not understand why I need to re-litigate the adverse effects of heavy transport traffic on my family, my neighbours and our homes with staff members when Council has already resolved to trial traffic calming structures during the 2022/23 Annual Plan deliberations, as outlined by the letter we received dated 30 June 2022.

TRAFFIC COUNT REPORT – WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023

At Wednesday's Council meeting you will receive a report from the Transportation team advising the current management practices have been successful and traffic calming structures are not required in Roebuck Street.

The report states:

- that signage is clear – however this has not been the feedback received from truck drivers and there is no sign that directs traffic away from either Menzies or Roebuck Streets.
- The mean average speed along Roebuck Street is lower than 50km/hour – which mathematically indicates there is a range of speeds at the point on the street where the traffic counter was installed and does not align to the issue we have asked to be resolved which is the overall disturbance to residents caused by heavy transport through traffic.
- A recent network survey did not indicate any substrate failures of Roebuck Street – yet although the Council paper provides the results and additional analysis of the traffic counts there is no data provided about the scope, methodology and results of this survey.
- Any improvements will be exclusively funded by rates – however Council's Revenue and Financing Policy lists funding options on work of the nature requested to include general rates, loans or investments.

TRAFFIC COUNT DATA

The considerations in the report include traffic count data from three time periods of June 16th to July 2nd 2022, September 29th to October 13th 2022, and March 15th to 22nd 2023. The traffic count table shows that average heavy transport traffic has fluctuated at all data measurement sites over time. It also shows that Queen Street has more heavy transport traffic which is appropriate as it is the bypass route and will be engineered for this purpose.

I am unsure how to interpret the graph on page 31 as the key and horizontal axis are not well defined. However, it would be expected that traffic volumes would decline overnight as per the graph that plots average data comparing Roebuck Street to the bypass on Queen Street – please note that there are some residents on our street who are retired and some who work from home.

Unfortunately, there is no traffic data provided from a comparable small street in Westport like Stout Street or Salisbury Street.

CONTROLLING TRAFFIC FLOW AND TRAFFIC CALMING STRUCTURES

The existing traffic signs have not been effective as we continue to have milk tankers, livestock truck and trailer units, machinery transporters (including a mix of local and out of town companies) using Roebuck Street as evidenced in the traffic counts.

The annual letters have only recommenced because my request for records about them established their mail out had ceased.

I am not seeking measures that will reduce average speeds but request the Traffic Management and Control section on page 37 be put into effect to restrict heavy transport through traffic from using Roebuck Street as a short cut to and from the Buller Bridge to Queen Street. I have previously raised the inability of the large trucks to turn into or out of Roebuck Street without crossing onto the approaching lanes and the safety issues related to this and the pedestrian entrance to the Westport Domain. The temporary traffic calming structure outlined from the 2022/23 submission process would test the effectiveness of this strategy for less cost than a permanent structure. I hope that unlike the signs installed there will be genuine engagement with me and the other Annual Plan submitters over the design of this.

I consider the comment about "work undertaken at Roebuck Street, unnecessarily sets precedence" as unsubstantiated. A long-established by-pass route exists to divert heavy transport vehicles away from Menzies/Roebuck Streets. Current systems in place to ensure this route is adhered to have not been effective as by Council's own measures in March 2023 we still have an average of 25 trucks a day (including weekends) on Roebuck Street.

I also note that resealing the street has not improve the substrate, noticeably reduced the horizontal vibrations or the intrusive noise of large trucks going by.

I appreciate the opportunity to talk to you on Wednesday and answer any questions you may have on this matter.

Regards, 

Brayden O'Dea

From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 June 2023 4:30 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Followup on the June Council Meeting discussion and resolutions

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been tasked with preparing a paper for Council on the ways that heavy transport can be excluded from Menzies Street and Roebuck Street. I am also aware that there was discussion in the meeting on improvements to the signage for the Heavy Traffic Bypass. I would like to meet with you and the gentleman who raised the signage issue to discuss the issues you raised in the June Council meeting.

Could you please come back to me by email or phone to [REDACTED] and let me know when would suit you for a meeting on site.

Regards,

Ian

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Brayden O'Dea

From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 June 2023 4:10 pm
To: Gina Barrell
Subject: RE: Council meeting of 31 May - Resolution on Roebuck Street

Thank you Gina.

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From: Gina Barrell <Gina.Barrell@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Council meeting of 31 May - Resolution on Roebuck Street

Hi Ian

Here's the resolutions from that paper. Noting the second motion was lost

RESOLVED that the Council:

1. Notes the contents of the report.

Cr J Howard/Cr A Pfahler
10/10
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2. Approves the continuation of the current management practices of the Heavy Traffic Bypass route including the management of Roebuck Street, and a review of the existing signage.

Cr J Howard/Cr A Pfahler
5/5
Cr C Reidy against
MOTION LOST

3. Council requests staff to report back to Council on how heavy transport can be excluded from Menzies St and Roebuck St.

Cr G Neylon/Cr R Sampson
8/2
MOTION CARRIED

Thanks

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From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 9:45 AM
To: Gina Barrell <Gina.Barrell@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Council meeting of 31 May - Resolution on Roebuck Street

Hi Gina,

I have been asked to speak to the members of the public who spoke at the Council meeting on the heavy vehicles using Roebuck Street. Can you please send me the text of the final resolution?

Brayden O'Dea

From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 June 2023 4:18 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Council Report _ Vers2.0 - Heavy Traffic Bypass management (and Roebuck Street)
Attachments: YY _ BDC Council Paper - Heavy Traffic Bypass _ FINAL - May 2023.pdf; YY _ Attachment A - Road Counter Data Summary.pdf; YY _ Attachment B - Letter to Transport Operators.pdf; YY _ Attachment C - New Zealand Transport Agency RTS-16 guidance.pdf; YY _ Attachment D - Road Counter Survey Data 2022-2023 _ Westport.xlsx; YY _ BDC Council Paper - Heavy Traffic Bypass _ FINAL - May 2023.docx; roebuck st inspection (25.7 KB)

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From: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 3:35 PM
To: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Brayden O'Dea <Brayden.O'Dea@bdc.govt.nz>; Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Council Report _ Vers2.0 - Heavy Traffic Bypass management (and Roebuck Street)

Hi Ian

As we discussed at lunchtime today, another task on your to-do list is to conclude a follow up Council Report to Neils' and my May Council Meeting Report (attached) that focuses on addressing the resolutions made by Council. I have asked Gina to share with us the un-confirmed council meeting that tried to capture the final resolution (you'll note it shot back and forth a bit in the deliberations).

The Council meeting is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLhsXXlcw9E>

I would draw your attention to watch:

- The public forum address from the residents on Roebuck [REDACTED]
- The council deliberations, discussions and final actions

Out of complete coincides; I also see that the Westport News today ran an article on this on their Pg3:

LOCAL

Trucking frustration on Roebuck

Ellen Curnow

A local man has resorted to waving down truck drivers in his street and imploring them to use Westport's heavy transport route instead of his narrow residential street.

Roebuck Street resident Vern Wishart told councillors at a recent Buller District Council (BDC) meeting he had printed off maps of the heavy traffic route down Mill and along Queen streets and was handing them to truck drivers shortcutting through Menzies and Roebuck streets.

Mr Wishart said the road was not designed for the huge truck and trailer units travelling on it today. He had worked on its upgrade in 1980.

"We upgraded it to the standard of a normal street in town, not a heavy bypass street... They only had trucks in 1980 weighing about 12 tonnes. Now

we've got 40 and 50-tonne trucks."

There was no grass verge and no buffer zone to stop homes vibrating.

Mr Wishart said most truckers understood when he told them Roebuck Street had been compromised by the July 2021 flood and that the water table was too high. But drivers frequently changed, and he had to explain again.

"They've all been pretty good, except for a few local drivers that say, 'we've used this street for years' and refuse... to go the other way."

Mr Wishart said many of the truck drivers didn't realise the bypass was supposed to be used as a route to Stafford Street and Nine Mile Road. They thought it was only to miss the centre of town and head north.

Mr Wishart said the bypass sign was not clear for truckers coming off the Buller Bridge. It needed to say "Heavy traffic bypass, Nine Mile turnoff, 600m"

so truckers knew not to turn down Menzies Street and into Roebuck.

Another Roebuck Street resident Wendy Thompson said the council had not followed through on actions councillors committed to during last year's annual plan deliberations. At the time, councillors instructed staff to audit heavy traffic use in the area, install more signs pointing trucks in the right direction and explore other traffic control measures.

But Ms Thompson said the signs weren't clear enough, no other traffic measures had been trialled and too many trucks were still shortcutting through Roebuck Street.

"These vehicles carry heavy loads past our homes. They are disproportionately large to our small residential street. They're noisy and intrusive. They vibrate our homes and rattle our china. They pose a risk to the safety of pedestrians,

cyclists and other motorists."

Ms Thompson said she was "very disappointed" with the council's progress. She asked council to build physical barriers (like traffic islands) to stop trucks using Roebuck Street.

The council's audit found an average of about 21 trucks a day used Roebuck Street. The number had decreased slightly since new signs were installed after last year's annual plan decision.

Cr Phil Grafton asked Ms Thompson if it was just a few transport companies using the shortcut or many different ones.

Ms Thompson said there were quite a few, both local and from out of town. Milk tankers sometimes used the road. Many were travelling to the fuel stop on Stafford Street.

Council staff recommended BDC continue with its current "soft practices" for encouraging truck drivers to use the

heavy traffic bypass.

Cr Annelise Pfahlert asked how much it would cost to replace bypass signs as Mr Wishart had suggested. BDC transport co-ordinator Neil Hateley said about \$500.

Buller Mayor Jamie Cleine said that kind of decision didn't need to be voted on by councillors.

Cr Phil Grafton said council's actions so far hadn't really achieved anything. Average heavy vehicle use had dropped from about 29 per day to 21.

"What's the alternative? Because there needs to be an alternative. People's houses are falling to pieces because vehicles are just taking a shortcut... Going by the figures, spending money on road signs doesn't seem to have changed anything a lot," Cr Grafton said.

Acting infrastructure services manager Mike Williams said physical solutions like traffic islands were

designed to keep speeds down, not deter heavy vehicles. The average speed on Roebuck Street was 40km/h.

"A lot of it is just education. The only thing we can continue to do for the benefit of everyone is education unless we go down the bylaw route of turning those roads into non-trafficable roads and that's a long process to go down."

Ms Thompson broke the council's public gallery rules and interrupted the meeting.

"If you put a give way sign on a traffic..."

Mr Cleine stopped her and asked her to sit down.

Councillors rejected the motion and asked staff to go back to the drawing board and report back on physical works that could deter trucks from entering Menzies and Roebuck streets. No timeline was set for the new report.

Can you now work to:

- Work with Mr Wishart to add and relocate any signs (also ensure we deliver the extra sign asked for by Mr Adrian Lineham) on Stafford Street
- Prepare a new Council report, looking at the legal avenues to restrict

Regards

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Brayden O'Dea

From: Eric de Boer
Sent: Tuesday, 20 June 2023 9:54 am
To: Ian Hunter
Subject: FW: Heavy Transport on Roebuck Street Westport Ref OIA: 022/22
Attachments: Heavy Traffic Route Annual Letter.pdf; rts-16.pdf

Ian

Back ground email to Neil a year ago on the Heavy Haulage matter

Regards

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From: Eric de Boer
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Neil Hateley <neil.hateley@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Heavy Transport on Roebuck Street Westport Ref OIA: 022/22

Neil

As you can see below I have provided her with the letter and the distribution list.

What are our options though if we wished to restrict Heavy Vehicle Usage through Menzies and Balance. Can you find out from our NZTA contacts if the attached guidance from 2006 is still current and explore if we can use item 14.2 ~ 14.6 (bylaws) to limit and restrict this activity?

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/road-traffic-standards/docs/rts-16.pdf>

Regards

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Brayden O'Dea

From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 June 2023 8:10 am
To: Mel Sutherland
Subject: RE: Alexandra (Central Otago DC) Transport Bylaws

Hi Mel,

Eric identified this as a possible tool to solve the problem of heavy vehicles using Roebuck Street. I believe they do this to avoid going the longer way around the heavy traffic bypass enroute to the Nine Mile and Stafford Street.

Cheers,

Ian

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From: Mel Sutherland <Mel.Sutherland@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 6:17 PM
To: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Alexandra (Central Otago DC) Transport Bylaws

Hi Ian

Council has already adopted the Traffic Bylaw

[chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpajpcgiclfndmkaj/https://bullerdc.govt.nz/media/4nnjelet/traffic-model-general-bylaw-nzs920125-2007.pdf](https://efaidnbmnnnibpajpcgiclfndmkaj/https://bullerdc.govt.nz/media/4nnjelet/traffic-model-general-bylaw-nzs920125-2007.pdf)

What is the issue Council is trying to resolve here?

Kind regards Mel

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From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Mel Sutherland <Mel.Sutherland@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Alexandra (Central Otago DC) Transport Bylaws

Hi Mel,

Agreed we should use the model bylaw. [REDACTED]. Are there other issues we need to pull into a Traffic Bylaw?

Cheers,

Ian

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From: Mel Sutherland <Mel.Sutherland@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 10:46 AM
To: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Alexandra (Central Otago DC) Transport Bylaws

Hi Ian

My preference is always is that we should use the Model General Bylaws. This is because they have been developed by Standards NZ and they have had significant input from experts in their fields. The other advice which I have taken over the years is that if you end up in Court, then you are much better to have relied on an industry standard than a bespoke bylaw.

What is the difference and why is there a preference to use the one from Otago?

It is noted that Council has currently adopted NZS 9201:Part 25:2007 and level of involvement is as follows:

NZS 9201:Part 25:2007

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

This Standard was prepared under the supervision of the Model General Bylaws Committee (P 9201.25) for the Standards Council established under the Standards Act 1988.

The committee consisted of representatives of the following:

Nominating Organisations

IPENZ

Land Transport New Zealand

Local Government New Zealand

Manukau City Council

Ministry of Transport

New Zealand Police

New Zealand Road Transport Forum

Palmerston North City Council

Transit New Zealand

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Standards New Zealand gratefully acknowledges the contribution of time and expertise from all those involved in developing this Standard.

Source Standards NZ.

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From: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Mel Sutherland <Mel.Sutherland@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Alexandra (Central Otago DC) Transport Bylaws

Hi Mel,

██████████ do you think we should go this way or via the Model General Bylaw Part 25 – Traffic? This is prompted by the issue of heavy vehicles in Roebuck Street.

Cheers,

Ian

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From: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Ian Hunter <Ian.Hunter@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Alexandra (Central Otago DC) Transport Bylaws

Ian

See if we can get a MS Word copy of these:

<https://www.codc.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:2apsqkk&g1cxbyoqohnd/hierarchy/sitecollectiondocuments/bylaws/other-council-bylaws/Roading%20Bylaw%202020.pdf>

Ref pg 71 – Heavy Traffic Bylaws

Regards

Brayden O'Dea

From: Kirstin McKee
Sent: Thursday, 8 June 2023 8:34 am
To: Mike Williams
Subject: RE: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Excellent, thanks 😊

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From: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Kirstin McKee <kirstin.mckee@bdc.govt.nz>; BDC_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Hi Kirstin,

This is the info sent to Wendy 2 weeks ago.

Kind regards

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Total	309	296	356	291	272	263	240	305	252	290
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From: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 11:28 AM
To: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>; Neil Hateley <neil.hateley@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: FW: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Hi Neil,

Can you please forward to [REDACTED] the info that she has asked for if we have it.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2023 4:04 PM
To: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>; BDC_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: FW: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Hi Mike

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I note the spreadsheet provided seems to contain average data. Please also forward the core count data.

Brayden O'Dea

From: BDC_Lgoima
Sent: Wednesday, 7 June 2023 11:01 am
To: Mike Williams
Subject: RE: FW: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Hi Mike

Can I please have the reply you sent to [REDACTED] so I can close this LGOIMA off.

Also, have you responded to [REDACTED] below email, please also cc to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Thank you

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Regards, [REDACTED]

On 29/05/2023 12:56 pm, Mike Williams wrote:

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Brayden O'Dea

From: jenny@bdc.govt.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 7 June 2023 2:25 am
To: neil.hateley@bdc.govt.nz
Subject: Completed Service Request 221247
Attachments: 221247.pdf

To: Operations Service Request 221247
Attn: Neil Hateley

Closed: 06/06/23 - 14.24

Received by: Jenny Sturgess Date & time received: 17/05/22 - 16.24
How received: Counter Action required: Action Requested

Request type: Rooding

Name: [REDACTED]

Address:

Phone: (Hm) [REDACTED]

Email

Safety Risk:

Street

Location Details [REDACTED] Roebuck [REDACTED] and residents from Menzies St
also

Details [REDACTED] came to counter to voice his concerns about heavy trucks using
Roebuck and Menzies Sts. Noise and vibrations and breaking of pipes since
ground has solidified from the floodings. [REDACTED] was involved with original
construction of these streets. Today alone there were 30 loads counted
across 5 hrs. Verne will be speaking to his submission when Council hear AP
submissions soon.

Brayden O'Dea

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 4 June 2023 4:04 pm
To: Mike Williams; BDC_Lgoima
Subject: Re: FW: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Hi Mike

Thank you for the documents forwarded, many of which were in the agenda item for last week's meeting.

I note the spreadsheet provided seems to contain average data. Please also forward the core count data.

Regards, [REDACTED]

On 29/05/2023 12:56 pm, Mike Williams wrote:

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Please find all of the documents that have led to the paper being presented to Council this Wednesday.

Kind regards

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From: Rachel Townrow <Rachel.Townrow@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 10:00 AM
To: Sean Judd <sean.judd@bdc.govt.nz>; Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Kirstin McKee <kirstin.mckee@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Hi Sean and Mike

Below for your awareness.

Any reply from me to [REDACTED] between now and Wednesday is unlikely to help the situation.

I'd recommend getting the traffic count data to [REDACTED] before 31 May if at all possible, and being prepared for [REDACTED] to raise all of this when she speaks at public forum.

Brayden O'Dea

From: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 31 May 2023 9:53 am
To: Neil Hateley
Subject: RE: May Council Meeting Report - Heavy Traffic Bypass - Performance to Direct Heavy Traffic through Westport

Thanks Neil, I will call over after I catch up with SLT this morning.

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From: Neil Hateley <neil.hateley@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 9:52 AM
To: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: May Council Meeting Report - Heavy Traffic Bypass - Performance to Direct Heavy Traffic through Westport

Hi, I've read the docs and can catch up when suits.
Cheers
Neil

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From: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 11:47 AM
To: Eric de Boer <eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz>; Neil Hateley <neil.hateley@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: May Council Meeting Report - Heavy Traffic Bypass - Performance to Direct Heavy Traffic through Westport

Hi Guy's just an FYI.

Neil, once you have read can we have a catch up.

Kind regards

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Brayden O'Dea

From: Kirstin McKee
Sent: Thursday, 8 June 2023 8:34 am
To: Mike Williams
Subject: RE: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Excellent, thanks 😊

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From: Mike Williams <Mike.Williams@bdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Kirstin McKee <kirstin.mckee@bdc.govt.nz>; BDC_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Hi Kirstin,

This is the info sent to Wendy 2 weeks ago.

Kind regards

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From: Mike Williams

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 12:56 PM

To: Wendy Thompson <rollingcolours@xta.co.nz>; Sean Judd <sean.judd@bdc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: I am very disappointed by the Council Staff's refusal to follow through with Traffic Calming on Roebuck Street

Good afternoon Wendy,

Please find all of the documents that have led to the paper being presented to Council this Wednesday.

Kind regards

Brayden O'Dea

From: Eric de Boer
Sent: Thursday, 15 June 2023 3:35 pm
To: Ian Hunter
Cc: Brayden O'Dea; Mike Williams
Subject: Council Report _ Vers2.0 - Heavy Traffic Bypass management (and Roebuck Street)
Attachments: YY _ BDC Council Paper - Heavy Traffic Bypass _ FINAL - May 2023.pdf; YY _ Attachment A - Road Counter Data Summary.pdf; YY _ Attachment B - Letter to Transport Operators.pdf; YY _ Attachment C - New Zealand Transport Agency RTS-16 guidance.pdf; YY _ Attachment D - Road Counter Survey Data 2022-2023 _ Westport.xlsx; YY _ BDC Council Paper - Heavy Traffic Bypass _ FINAL - May 2023.docx; roebuck st inspection

Hi Ian

As we discussed at lunchtime today; another task on your to-do list is to conclude a follow up Council Report to Neils' and my May Council Meeting Report (attached) that focuses on addressing the resolutions made by Council.

I have asked Gina to share with us the un-confirmed council meeting that tried to capture the final resolution (you'll note it shot back and forth a bit in the deliberations).

The Council meeting is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLhsXXIcw9E>

I would draw your attention to watch:

- The public forum address from the residents on Roebuck (both [REDACTED])
- The council deliberations, discussions and final actions

Out of complete coincides; I also see that the Westport News today ran an article on this on their Pg3: