

19 June 2019

Sarah Atkinson  
FYI

Dear Sarah

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 23 May 2019. You requested the following information:

- 1. Please provide me all correspondence in 2019, to and from the council about graffiti, including stencils, posters, chalk, placards and stickers, relating to the NZDF. To avoid confusion, this includes graffiti mentioning the ongoing inquiry into Operation Burnham, the NZSAS, Geoffrey Palmer, Tim Keating, and the NZSAS raid on a village in Afghanistan.*
- 2. Please also provide any information you hold relating to the poster on Molesworth Street on Wednesday 22 May, which referred to the inquiry as a circus.*
- 3. Please provide any policies and internal guidance relating to graffiti. Please include any changes to the policies made in the last two years. To avoid confusion, this would include temporary directions, such as ones relating to graffiti about the Christchurch white supremacist terror.*

In regards to your first two questions, the Wellington City Council does not have any correspondence relating to graffiti about NZDF, we also have no information relating to the post on Molesworth Street.

In line with section 17(b) of the Act; I refuse these parts of the request as the information does not exist.

In response to your third question, I have attached our Graffiti Management Plan which aims to ensure graffiti vandalism is managed consistently across the Council.

Our main contractor has a standard response time of 3 days for non-offensive graffiti, and 4 hours for offensive graffiti (within business hours).

The only changes we have made in the last 2 years are the temporary changes regarding the positive messaging following the shootings in Christchurch.

In recognition of the tragic events in Christchurch, we decided to ask our contractors to leave positive messaging in the public realm until we created a wall of remembrance. We encouraged people to show their support through signs, banners and flags and developed the Wall of Aroha on the Civic Square side of the Town Hall where people could leave supportive messages in chalk.

### **Right of review**

If you disagree with my decision you have the right, under section 27(3) of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review and investigate my decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Thank you again for your request

Regards,



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**Assurance Advisor**