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Andrew Lensen

By email: [fyi-request-14090-44b9f12a@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-14090-44b9f12a@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Lensen

### **Request for information 2020-179**

I refer to your request for information dated 6 November 2020, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 6 November 2020. You have requested the following:

*“There is an API that provides realtime information about public transport in Wellington available here <https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/>\*. I am requesting all documentation for any API available under the above url, for example (but not limited to):*

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/FareZones>

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/StopSearch/lambton>

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/StopDepartures/5010>

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/StopNearby/-41.3431194/174.7706202>

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/ServiceLocation/1>

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/ServiceMap/1>

*An API is an Application Programming Interface (see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web\\_API](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_API)) which can be used to automatically (with a computer program) receive information from a webserver. For example, <https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/StopSearch/lambton> appears to list all stops which have "lambton" in their name. Such APIs are widely used throughout the web, including by users who wish to (for example) develop public transport routing and analysis applications.*

*Under the OIA, can you please provide all held information on this API, including the request and response formats, including, but not limited to: request structure and parameters; a list of API endpoints, and any other documentation on this API.”*

Following you lodging your original request on 6 November 2020, on 12 November 2020 we informed you that new APIs have been developed, and that the API referenced in your request will be taken down in December when the new Metlink website is launched. Following our email to you, you clarified your request on 12 November 2020 to the following:

*“all held information on the newly developed APIs, including the request and response formats, including, but not limited to: request structure and parameters; a list of API endpoints, and any other documentation on the newly developed API.”*

**Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

The information you have requested on the newly developed APIs is publicly available on the developer portal, which you can access at <https://OpenData.gw.govt.nz>.

Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 17(d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 as the information you have requested is publicly available.

If you have any concerns with the decision referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Gallacher", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Gallacher  
General Manager, Metlink