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Dear Cody

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):
Request for Information**

I refer to your email of 4 May 2021 requesting information on the state of establishing a new or modified Wigram to Prestons bus service or any additional services from Wigram to the City. Your request has been referred to me to reply.

The 2018 Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan included a reference to a Wigram to Prestons route in the Future Unit Structure section in Appendix 2 (<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-transport-plans/> RPTP page 76). This was a proposed route only and, as noted in the preamble to this section of the appendix, subject to change as part of the network review process.

Since the publication of the Regional Public Transport Plan, a consortium of consultants led by WSP were engaged to prepare the Greater Christchurch Future Public Transport Business Case. The first phase of this business case examined the foundations and network structure of Christchurch bus routes. The preferred programme from this business case has developed a network plan that does not include a Wigram to Prestons route (<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/data/document-library/?Search=c21c/64829>). See page 114)

The business case has been endorsed by all Greater Christchurch Partners including Environment Canterbury as the basis for public transport route planning in the short and medium term (up to 2031).

You will be aware that if you are not satisfied with this response you are able to refer this matter to the Office of the Ombudsman under s27(3) of the LGOIMA.

Please be advised that we now put LGOIMA responses that are in the public interest onto our website. No personal details of the requester are given, but we do summarise the essence of the request alongside the response.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Lillian Sewell in the first instance (lillian.sewell@ecan.govt.nz or 033677340).

Yours sincerely,



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