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Tēnā koe Max

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

We refer to your official information request dated 10 July 2022 and clarified on 11 July 2022, relating to a proposal to establish a café in the vicinity of the library in Wainuiomata.

Specifically, you have requested:

- *all information held about the proposal to lease the Council property to a cafe operator.*
- *all correspondence relating to this proposal, particularly commitments made and costs incurred to date.*

Hutt City Council has been working with the Wainuiomata community to identify means of upgrading the town centre. As part of this, Wainuiomata residents have voiced the need for a sit-down café to be established in the area.

The Council has been exploring the idea of including a café facility in its plans for the civic area, in the vicinity of the Wainuiomata library and community hall. Exploring this idea is at a very early stage and there has been no formal decision made to progress with it. No commitments or formal approaches have been made to any person or party.

The Council has paid \$44,402.55 + GST to have the canopy structure, container space, toilets and decking designed to the shell stage, and a further \$7000 for the Stage 1 building consent.

The feasibility study for the café cost \$26,280 plus GST. A copy of this is enclosed.

Further information about the Wainuiomata town centre upgrade is available on the Council's website, at this link: [www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/our-projects/wainuiomata-town-centre-framework-and-streetscape-plan](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/our-projects/wainuiomata-town-centre-framework-and-streetscape-plan)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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