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Request for information 2025-440

I refer to your request for information dated 1 December 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 8 December 2025. You have requested the following:

“We would appreciate confirmation of what steps have been taken to address these concerns and when further engagement is planned”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Safety and speed management and environmental impact

Your key concerns about safety and environmental impact will be addressed through the land planning and regulatory approvals process.

Greater Wellington is planning to engage an independent traffic engineer to undertake a traffic analysis of the area around Landfill Road in early 2026. This will identify any impacts associated with operating a depot from the site.

As part of any subsequent bus depot development, Greater Wellington will consider opportunities to improve environmental outcomes, such as reducing pollution entering the Ōwhiro stream from the site.

This depot is planned to accommodate a mix of electric and diesel buses from 2028. Greater Wellington is planning for the bus fleet to be fully electric by 2038. For more information on our climate action plan and the positive impacts of electrifying the bus fleet please visit:

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/news-and-updates/news/new-transport-strategy-sets-a-bold-pathway-to-a-resilient-low-carbon-future>

<https://www.gw.govt.nz/environment/climate-change/what-we-are-doing/corporate-carbon-neutral-plan/>

<https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/news/regional-council-forges-path-for-transition-to-all-electric-bus-fleet/>

Community Consultation

As a part of the Greater Wellington Long-Term Plan 2024-2034, Greater Wellington consulted on whether we should have more control over the region's public transport assets.

At the time, public support was in favour of Greater Wellington having more control over these assets, which includes bus depots.

To ensure commercial negotiations for the purchase of the site were free of prejudice and disadvantage, and to ensure best value for money, Greater Wellington was unable to engage in specific public consultation for the purchase of the Landfill Road site.

Greater Wellington considers purchasing the land is a separate activity to developing the land.

Greater Wellington intends to engage with the community in early 2026 to understand local perspectives and concerns. Community involvement in development planning will be discussed at that time.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) 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.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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