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Vehicle infringement notices relating to Hutt Road cycleway

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 5 May 2021. You requested the following information relating to the Hutt Road walkway/cycleway between the Caltex service station north of Kaiwharawhara and Thorndon Quay.:

- 1. Are you responsible for issuing of vehicle infringement notices relating to the cycleway/walkway? By infringement, I mean vehicles such as cars, motorbikes, trucks, goods vans, and buses parking on the cycleway or driving along it.*
- 2. If you are responsible, provide data around notices issued since the cycleway/walkway opened in November 2019. Ideally, the data would be broken down by month since November 2019, giving number of notices issued per month, type of infringement (e.g., parking, driving) and type of vehicle.*
- 3. Provide information about how often council officers check for vehicle infringements on this route at present.*

Wellington City Council has **granted** your request for information at no cost.

The response to your questions are laid out below:

1. Are you responsible for issuing of vehicle infringement notices relating to the cycleway/walkway? By infringement, I mean vehicles such as cars, motorbikes, trucks, goods vans, and buses parking on the cycleway or driving along it.

Parking Services issues infringements to vehicles parked on the cycleway/walkway. We do not issue infringements to moving vehicles (with the exception of bus lane infringements), in that instance we would recommend reaching out to the NZPolice.

2. If you are responsible, provide data around notices issued since the cycleway/walkway opened in November 2019. Ideally, the data would be broken down by month since November 2019, giving number of notices issued per month, type of infringement (e.g., parking, driving) and type of vehicle.

Table 1 below shows the number of tickets issued since November 2019. The violations for this offending include

- Parked in a cycle lane as indicated by signage or road markings (Cycle Lane)
- Parked on a cycle path (Cycle Path)
- Parked on a footpath (Footpath)

This data shows infringements and warning tickets issues and was gathered from 1 November 2019 to 5 May 2021.

Table 1. Number of Tickets issued between November 2019 -April 2021, broken down by offence, vehicle type and month

	2019		2020					2021			Grand Total
	Nov	Dec	Mar	Jul	Aug	Sep	Nov	Feb	Mar	Apr	
Cycle Lane infringement									1		1
Car									1		1
Cycle Path infringement	1	1									2
Car	1										1
Van		1									1
Cycle Path warning						1	1				2
Car							1				1
Truck						1					1
Footpath infringement		2	1	2	1	3		1	1	1	12
4WD			1								1
Car				1	1	2					4
Light Truck		1						1			2
Motorcycle				1							1
Trailer									1		1
Truck		1									1
Van						1				1	2
Footpath warning				1					1		2
Car									1		1
Utility				1							1
Grand Total	1	3	1	3	1	4	1	1	3	1	19

3. Provide information about how often council officers check for vehicle infringements on this route at present.

We have a team of Parking Officers in compliance vehicles that attend to complaints raised by members of the public. If a parking complaint is raised regarding a vehicle parked illegally on the cycleway/footpath, a Parking Officer will be sent to attend as and when resources allow.

This particular area is often travelled by our compliance drivers and if a vehicle is sighted as being parked illegally on this cycle track, our Parking Officers will request an on-foot Parking Officer to attend.

It's important to note that Parking Officers regularly monitor the clearways on Thorndon Quay, the enforcement of this clearway assists with making the area safe for the public, in particular cyclists who travel from the direction of Hutt Road.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any question please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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