

8 June 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy which is available on the Council's website [LGOIMA Request Policy: Rangitikei District Council](#)

Your request for information was received on 15 May 2026 and requested information about Speed limit reductions, Enforcement Revenue, Safety Evidence and Affordability Impact. Your questions and our response can be found below:

Question 1:

Decision making records

All final decision papers, briefings, reports, memoranda, approvals, or recommendations relied upon when deciding to reduce speed limits on roads within your authority or responsibility.

Response:

The relevant decision-making records are released as follows:

- Council Minutes, 14 December 2023, Item 10.5, "Draft Speed Management Plan Consultation Requirements", [Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday, 14 December 2023](#).
- Council Order Paper, 14 December 2023, Item 10.5, "Draft Speed Management Plan Consultation Requirements", [Agenda of Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday, 14 December 2023](#).
- Rātana Community Board Report, 9 August 2022, relating to the proposed Rātana Road and Rātana village speed-limit changes. [Agenda of Rātana Community Board Meeting - Tuesday, 9 August 2022](#)
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee record, 11 August 2022. [Agenda of Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting - Thursday, 11 August 2022](#)
- Council resolution approving the Rātana Community Board recommendation on 25 August 2022, resolution 22/RDC/312. [Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday, 25 August 2022](#)

The Rātana changes reduced the speed limit on Rātana Road between SH3 and Rātana village from 100 km/h to 80 km/h, and roads within Rātana village to 40 km/h. Council's understanding is that the change followed the draft speed management work and reflected the request of the local community.

Question 2:

Safety evidence

All crash data, risk assessments, road-safety assessments, engineering reports, speed-management assessments, and safety modelling relied upon to justify speed-limit reductions

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Response:

The relevant safety assessment material Council holds is contained in the Draft Speed Management Plan included in the documents released for question 1.

Question 3:

Revenue and enforcement modelling

Any documents, forecasts, estimates, briefings, or internal analysis concerning infringement revenue, fine revenue, enforcement volume, camera enforcement, Police enforcements targets, or expected enforcement outcomes connected with reduced speed limits.

Response:

Council does not hold documents, forecasts, estimates, briefings, or internal analysis concerning infringement revenue, fine revenue, enforcement volume, camera enforcement, Police enforcement targets, or expected enforcement outcomes connected with speed-limit reductions. This part of the request is refused under s17(g), refusal of requests, as the information is not held by Council.

Question 4:

Cost-benefit analysis

Any cost-benefit analysis, economic assessment, productivity assessment, travel-time assessment, freight impact assessment, or public affordability assessment undertaken before or after speed-limit reductions

Response:

Council does not hold any cost-benefit analysis, economic assessment, productivity assessment, travel-time assessment, freight impact assessment, or public affordability assessment for speed-limit changes. This part of the request is refused under s17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist or cannot be found.

Question 5:

Public consultation

All final consultation summaries, submission analysis, public feedback reports, and decision-makers who approved the speed-limit reductions.

Response:

Council did not undertake a separate formal public consultation process for district-wide or blanket speed-limit reductions, as no such reductions were implemented. For the Rātana changes, the matter was considered by the Rātana Community Board on 9 August 2022 and subsequently approved by Council on 25 August 2022. The relevant records are released in response to Question 1.

Question 6:

Alternatives considered

Any documents identifying less restrictive or less punitive alternatives considered, including road engineering, signage, road maintenance, hazard removal, intersection redesign, education, or targeted enforcement rather than blanket speed reduction.

Response:

Council does not hold documents identifying less restrictive alternatives such as road engineering, signage, maintenance, hazard removal, intersection redesign, education, or targeted enforcement as alternatives to speed-limit changes. This part is refused under s17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as

the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist or cannot be found.

Question 7:

Delegations and authority

The statutory provisions, delegations, warrants, authorisations, or internal authority relied upon by the decision-makers who approved the speed-limit reductions.

Response:

The speed limit reduction was approved under the Council's delegated authority the road controlling authority for local roads. No blanket speed limit reductions were applied across the district. The only speed limit change made was a location-specific reduction in Rātana.

Rangitikei District Council is a territorial authority as defined in section 5 of the Local Government Act 2002. Under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, territorial authorities are responsible for setting speed limits on local roads within their districts.

[Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi](#)

[Local Government Act 2002 | New Zealand Legislation](#)

Question 8:

Review or reversal documents

Any documents concerning review, reconsideration, reversal, or criticism or speed-limit reductions, including any documents created in response to the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 or subsequent amendments.

Response:

Council does not hold documents concerning review, consideration, reversal, or criticism of speed-limit reductions, including any documents created in response to the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 or subsequent amendments. This part of the request is refused under s17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as the documents alleged to contain the information requests do not exist or cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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 at [RDC Official Information - Proactive Release](#) with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

LGOIMA Officer

Rangitikei District Council