

19 May 2026



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 4 May 2026 and requested information about the sale of 19 Lower High Street Marton. Your questions and our response can be found below:

Question 1:

"I was wanting to know when 19 lower High Street were sold. I was wanting to purchase - and was wondering where it was advertised - Rate payer's assets in Rangitikei District - how do you market them? Do you consult with the public? as they need to be put to us as rate payers to decide on where our funds are invested"

Response:

Council records show that the sale of the site was completed in November 2021.

Prior to the sale, a report was considered by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 12 November 2020. The report noted that the matter was not considered a 'significant decision' under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Council resolved to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate with Speirs Food, who had requested use of the site, to achieve the best outcome for the use of the Lower High Street site where the public toilets were located.

The property was not publicly advertised for sale.

In relation to your questions about how Council markets and consults on the disposal of property assets, Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and the Disposal of Surplus Land and Buildings are available on Council's website. The policies outline the processes Council follows when considering disposal of Council-owned property, including when consultation may be required.

At the time of the decision, the site had a capital value of approximately \$15,000, which was below the threshold in Significance and Engagement Policy. The threshold according to this policy as requiring consultation, is property with a market value exceeding \$50,000.

The relevant policies can be viewed here:

- [RDC-Significance-and-Engagement-Policy-2024.pdf](#)
- [Policy-on-the-Disposal-of-Surplus-Land-and-Buildings.pdf](#)

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