

From: Grace Ockwell
To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [Graham McKerracher](#)
Subject: LGOIMA response - Gladstone Road
Date: Wednesday, 6 May 2015 05:01:01 p.m.
Attachments: [Kerr, E LGOIMA 6 May 2015 Attachment.pdf](#)

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2015 requesting information about the railway corridor beautification project on Gladstone Road.

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this response.

Your request has been considered under the provisions of Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and the following response is provided.

You referenced the article "Years of beautification wiped out by KiwiRail" which appeared in the Otago Daily Times on 25 March 2015. The article contained some inaccuracies which complicate responding to your request.

The Dunedin City Council's involvement was to provide Taskforce Green workers at KiwiRail's request to help the company address safety matters (line of sight for trains) along the rail corridor. At all times these workers performed work requested by and specified by KiwiRail.

In responding to your request, I have repeated your questions to give context to our response.

1. I seek any and all documentation DCC and or Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board can provide that relates to consultation the Council/Community Board has had with KiwiRail about the clearance work proposed and later carried out at the subject site (Gladstone Rd railway corridor between Wingatui and Riccarton Rd) - that has resulted in KiwiRail removing a large section of the "community beautification project", an Otago 150 years commemorative project committed under auspices of Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board. Documentation should include evidence of any phone calls, emails or meetings in chronology; where possible with the names and roles of participants noted.

I am attaching copies of email correspondence between the Dunedin City Council and KiwiRail. As at the date of your request there has been no communication between KiwiRail and the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board. I have withheld the names of staff members at Kiwirail and the Dunedin City Council pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of LGOIMA to protect their privacy. Their names are also withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(f)(ii) of LGOIMA to enable the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of officers and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

2. I would specifically like to know who attended the site meeting and how representation was fielded at the meeting.

On Friday 16 January 2015, the Track Production Manager Southern, KiwiRail, a Dunedin City Council Community Advisor and the Task Force Green Coordinator attended a site visit to discuss which shrubs/trees needed to be removed to address KiwiRails' safety concerns with respect to view-line standards. Further details of this meeting are included in the emails supplied to you.

3. Please confirm if Mick Field (landscape architect) attended the site meeting - on social media, he claims he did - and in what capacity. Was he treated as a paid or unpaid consultant to DCC or Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board? Or was his attendance as a volunteer, he being president of Dunedin Amenities Society.

On Wednesday 21 January 2015 the Task Force Green Coordinator attended a site visit

with Mick Field (Rhododendron Trust) and Lester Harvey. Further details of this second site visit are included in the emails supplied to you.

4. Was any reinstatement option offered by KiwiRail? If so, did DCC have a clear formal understanding of the details and timing of any reinstatement project offered up by KiwiRail to compensate Mosgiel Community for loss of this substantial section of the 1997/98 award-winning amenity/beautification project?

We do not hold any information in response to this question.

5. Was a formal memorandum of understanding with KiwiRail entered into by DCC and or any of the parties attending the site meeting?

No formal memorandum of understanding was entered into between KiwiRail and the DCC.

6. Did KiwiRail inform or consult with DCC and or Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board on a formal communication strategy to keep the Community informed about the railway corridor project and related works?

KiwiRail did not inform or consult with the Dunedin City Council or the Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board on a formal communication strategy to keep the community informed about the railway corridor and related works.

7. Please provide me with a copy of the 'beautification lease' referred to in the ODT article:

Mr Campbell said a beautification lease was in place between the Mosgiel railway station and Cemetery Rd, and KiwiRail intended to work with the DCC and Taskforce Green on replanting options for the area, bearing in mind that it was a narrow area, once work is finished. "We will discuss the possibility of extending the lease area towards Riccarton Rd." (my emphasis)

We do not hold any information in response to this question.

8. Can DCC say why the original 'beautification lease' did not extend the full length of the beautification project, to Riccarton Rd? Did DCC have other plans for that section of the rail corridor, as yet unrealised?

We do not hold any information in response to this question.

As we have withheld some information, you have the right pursuant to section 27 of LGOIMA to have our decision to withhold information reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Grace Ockwell

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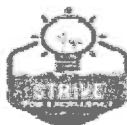
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 January 2015 10:31 a.m.
To: taskforcegreen@dcc.govt.nz
Subject: FW: Formation upgrade preparation
Attachments: Formation and drainage plans.pdf; IMAP photograph of ballast cleaner site 394km MSL with KiwiRail Boundaries.docx

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From: [REDACTED]@kiwirail.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 12 December 2014 12:06 p.m.

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Formation upgrade preparation

Hi [REDACTED]

As per our phone conversation regarding future track work in the Mosgiel area, KiwiRail is looking to upgrade the formation and drainage between the south-end of Mosgiel Station platform and Riccarton Road.

To allow KiwiRail to complete this task we are required to re-profile the surrounding area which requires a clear distance of 5m from track centre-line to the outer extent of the designed drainage profile.

On a site visit we have noticed that the maintained vegetation is within these limits and we are required to seek a solution. If possible we would like to have a site visit to discuss options.

The proposed major works are planned to take place on 19th of April 2015, however; we will be looking at beginning preparation works from the 4th April.

Attach are copies of Formation and ballast profile standards plus aerial photograph of affected area.

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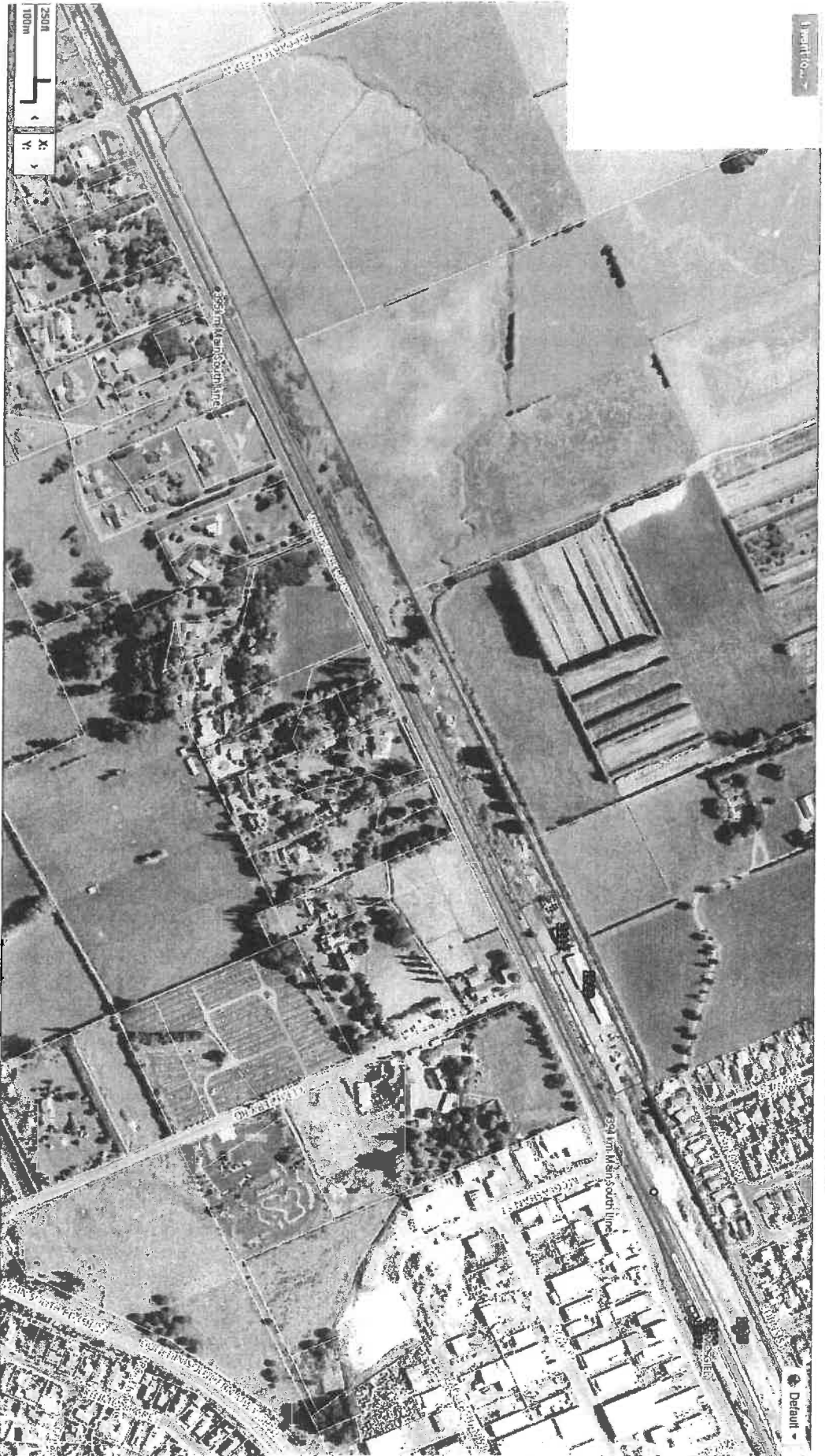
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Just a heads up that [REDACTED] has been asked for a follow up meeting

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TASKFORCE GREEN ASSESSMENT

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- Approximately: 3-5 days
- Approx cost (tip costs) =

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 2 February 2015 01:16 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ballast Cleaning preparation

Hi [REDACTED]

I have just double checked with our Task Force green supervisor who did the assessment of the job and he has confirmed that NONE of the vegetation (including the flaxes) from KB's crossing to Riccarton Rd are worth saving....can all be removed.

Furthermore to my email below just following up if another meeting with our Task Force Green supervisor can be arranged to discuss the removal of trees going the other direction – or should I wait for contact from [REDACTED]

Kind Regards
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From: [REDACTED]@dcc.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 12 December 2014 9:39 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Belis Cleaning preparation

Hi [REDACTED]

In follow up to our discussion this morning regarding the bells cleaning work you have scheduled for April 2015 and the necessity to have some of the "greenery" needing some attention along the railway line before the cleaning work can begin.

Can you please outline the specifics of the job and what you need to in order for that to begin.

Regards



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Grace Ockwell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2015 03:31 p.m.
To: Grace Ockwell
Subject: FW: FW: Mosgiel vegetation removal - taskforce green

Importance: High

FYI

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2015 3:46 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]@kiwirail.co.nz'
Cc: [REDACTED]@kiwirail.co.nz'; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Mosgiel vegetation removal - taskforce green
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

I need to talk this media release through with you, before you release it. Taskforce Green carried out the job that was asked of it. It does not fall on Taskforce Green or the DCC to justify that job, particularly when the reason for the vegetation removal is a safety issue – namely the line of sight of trains (a KiwiRail responsibility). Why would that be a job for the Dunedin City Council to communicate to the community? It is a concern that you cannot name the person at the DCC you talked to nor the Task Force Green person to verify that conversation.

This wasn't a joint communications project, but in the future may I suggest that you make contact with the DCC communications team in the first instance if you wish to carry out a joint communications exercise. In the meantime I want to be assured that the reference to the DCC will be removed from the release and that the Taskforce Green reference is rewritten so that they are not held up as the scapegoats in the piece.

Regards,

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Grace Ockwell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2015 03:44 p.m.
To: Grace Ockwell
Subject: FW: Mosgiel vegetation removal - taskforce green

FYI re KiwiRail

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2015 2:25 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mosgiel vegetation removal - taskforce green

Hi [REDACTED]

I just need a little bit more information with this.

In terms of who your person was in contact with from the DCC – is there an email trail with their name or a phone number you have for them?

Secondly, who was the community representative who was there as well?

Who said they would let residents know about the removal work?

Were Taskforce Green doing the removal work?

Cheers,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@kiwirail.co.nz
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2015 1:48 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Mosgiel vegetation removal - taskforce green

Hi [REDACTED]

Here is the response that we will be sending to the Otago Daily Times:

The line that passes through Mosgiel it is an important freight route bringing export goods into Port Chalmers from Southland primary producers. We are currently working through this area to keep the tracks in good condition and ensure operational safety.

To achieve this we needed to remove some vegetation as it was blocking level crossing sight lines, which means people couldn't clearly see if the train was coming. In other areas vegetation blocked our drainage, which led to track formation damage and needed to be cleared away.

We can understand why local residents would have been upset if they were not aware of the works taking place, but can assure them that before doing the work, KiwiRail liaised with Taskforce Green and the Dunedin City Council. This included a site visit to better understand the scope of the work, which a community representative attended, and to decide what might be able to be retained – for example the rhododendrons. We had understood that the wider community would then be informed of our proposed works following the meeting.

Across the country KiwiRail works with communities on beautification projects where locals wish to make the rail corridor more attractive, often by using planting. In Mosgiel, a beautification lease is in place between the station and

Cemetery Rd. We intend to work with the Council and Taskforce on replanting options for the area, bearing in mind that it is a narrow area, once work is finished. We will discuss the possibility of extending the lease area towards Riccarton Rd.

Work to improve this section of track has included replacing sleepers and rail grinding, and in mid-April we will run our ballast cleaner through this section of track. All of this will lead to improved track quality resulting in smoother and quieter track.

Kind regards,

 **Communications Advisor**

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2015 03:33 p.m.
To: Grace Ockwell
Subject: FW: Kiwirail

FYI


From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2015 8:30 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Kiwirail

FYI Graham, [REDACTED] rung last night after you had spoken to his comms people. I will be sending him an email today once I have heard back from staff outlining my concerns and unless I have strong resistance from TFG or KDB I will be advising that we were unlikely to be able to assist them in the future.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2015 8:32 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Kiwirail

Hi there

By the end of the day, can you both discuss the Kiwirail situation in Mosgiel and send me an email outlining the meeting held with Kiwirail and the outcomes from it.

I am not happy with the article in today's paper, and will be sending an email to Kiwirail outlining our concerns. At this stage I am not inclined to work with Kiwirail again.


Can you please bullet point what happened so we can be very clear in our correspondence with Kiwirail.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2015 02:53 p.m.
To: Grace Ockwell
Subject: FW: Kiwirail

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2015 2:34 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Kiwirail

Hi [REDACTED]
As requested-

Historical background-

Lester Harvey of his own accord beautified this area for kiwirail (NZ Rail) approx. 17 years ago (won a national award)

TFG have weed-eated the railway corridor over the last 6 years to help maintain it. No planting carried out on this site by TFG at all.

Timeline

12/12/14-

Verbal discussion on phone between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (Track Production Manager, Kiwirail) about the Mosgiel Railway/greenery site.

After discussion [REDACTED] sent email asking [REDACTED] to please outline the specifics of the job.

Email sent back to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]

- Kiwirail looking to upgrade the formation, track and drainage between the south end of Mosgiel Station platform and Riccarton Rd.
- Required to re-profile the surrounding area which requires a clear distance of 5m from track centreline to the outer edge of drainage profile
- Site visit confirmed that the maintained vegetation is within these limits and options need to be discussed.

Email from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] on 14/1/15

- Kiwirail to carry out maintenance activities and shrubs and trees will need to be removed. Some may be relocated.
- No shrubs or trees can be planted within 450m of a level crossing in either direction.
- Safety issue (view-line standard)

Email from [redacted] to [redacted] on 14/1/15

- Confirming meeting Friday 16/1/15 at 11.00am on site

Friday 16/1/15

At the site visit on the Friday were [redacted]. They looked at the trees and shrubs along the area discussed. [redacted] counted out 54 trees and 30 rhododendrons.

[redacted] was aware of Lester Harvey's involvement in beautifying this area and said to [redacted] that they should ask Lester along to talk about what's happening as a courtesy as he was the instigator of the original beautification project.

Wednesday 21/1/15

[redacted] met with Mick Field (Rhododendron Trust) and Lester Harvey and came back with the following assessment:

Kiwi Rail crew were at site while they were meeting and made the offer to remove trees (non - Rhododendrons). Upon removing trees with a digger they would place them at their yard (close to the area) for TFG to dispose of. From crossing towards Riccarton Rd – trees and shrubs were assessed and parties agreed that there was nothing worth saving & keeping.

KB contractors offered to supply some top soil to fill holes once trees have been removed.

If Rhododendrons (approx. 30) need to be moved then it will be a matter of finding somewhere for them to be replanted.

[redacted] indicated that if TFG were to be involved then the time required was approximately 3-5 days work for TFG.

[redacted] said however that it was a big job for TFG and we did not have the machinery to do the job by ourselves.

Lester Harvey and Mick Fields were present through all the discussion. [redacted] also indicated that a new co-ordinator would be starting in February and to wait until he starts. Indication from kiwirail was that they wouldn't be starting work till April.

Wednesday 25/3/15 To this point no discussion had been entered into by TFG with kiwirail (either myself or [redacted] regarding further work)

As always am available for further discussion if required. [redacted] has copies of all emails sent and received.

Hope this helps

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