

9 September 2021

**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 2122-56**

I refer to your request we received on 24 August 2021 for the following:

*All of the items below relate to the Waikanae Recycling Drop Off centre in Park Avenue which Council closed on 1 August 2021. The information sought is supplementary to the LGOIMA signed response and attachment 2021-21 of 2 August 2021:*

- 1. Simple acknowledgement that on page 3 of the 2021-21 attachment, based on the survey, 31 of 87 survey recipients not having kerbside recycling should have read 36% (not 31%).*

Thank you, your correction is noted.

- 2. In three places (attachment pages 1/2, 4 and 8/9) it is said “The number of bin empties for all recycling (glass, plastics, paper/cardboard) and general waste (illegal dumping) is 32.6 per month, requiring 32.6 return trips over 30 days.”*
  - On page 4 (Cr. Cootes) then added 17.4 to the 32.6 to get 50 trips per month. The mass of “197.5kg CO2 per month” then given in red print below it suggests agreement by the writer of the other comments in red.*
  - Confirmation is sought that the total return trips was indeed 32.6 per month (on average and not the 50 taken by Cr Cootes).*

All invoices for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 have been reviewed and the number of bin empties is 373 with a monthly average of 31.

- 3. The number of “bin empties” per month of 32.6 is plainly an average calculation made over multiple months.*
  - The bins used at the recycling drop off were not one common sized bin. No distinction appears to have been made between skip bin transfers ranging in size from 4.5m<sup>3</sup> to 9.5m<sup>3</sup> and the paper/cardboard 25m<sup>3</sup> hook bins. Also it is not clear whether aluminium cans and PET bottles that went into IBC’s were transported as such or were transferred to bins for transport.*

The aluminium cans were collected in a woosack placed in an IBC and removed from the site by a metal recycler.

The PET bottles were collected in a woosack placed in an IBC and transferred into a 9m<sup>3</sup> bin for transport.

- ***A breakdown of the bins transported to Otaihanga by type and any additional IBC's transported, for the 12 months to YE 30 June 2021 is requested.***

The invoices for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 have been reviewed and the bin transfers are summarised in the table below.

	<b><i>Cardboard 25m<sup>3</sup>* steel cans 6m<sup>3</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Glass 4.5m<sup>3</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Plastic 9m<sup>3</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Waste 4.5m<sup>3</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Annual</i></b>	134*	165	60	14

*\*The invoice does not differentiate between these bin transfers*

- 4. In the emissions analysis attempted by Cr Cootes on page 4 of the attachment, the truck transferring the bins to Otaihanga was said to be a 2003 Hino FY. Unfortunately this model does not fit with the engine displacement and fuel consumption given. This together with the lack of specificity around bin size transported, makes verification of Council's assertion of "inefficient" and "ineffective" difficult.***

As noted in our first response, Council staff did not carry out any emissions calculations or comparison regarding transport to and from the site. Cr Cootes provided his own calculations and comparison to Cr Holborow by email on 31 May 2021.

**Accordingly the following is requested:**

- ***Copies of invoices submitted for recycle material transportation between the Park Avenue Recycling site and Otaihanga for the 12 months to YE 30 June 2021.***

The information you are seeking in regard to invoices is commercially sensitive. On that basis I must withhold this information under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

In the Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

- **Identification of who did the transportation, to facilitate any further enquiry into transporting vehicle identification if needed.**

Information on vehicle types, supplied by the contractor, is listed in the table below. Please note that the contractor has a number of vehicles which may complete the bin lifts and so, while the truck types are specific, the names of actual trucks used are indicative.

Material	Bin	Truck type	Example
cardboard	25m <sup>3</sup>	Hook truck	Hino FY
glass	4.5m <sup>3</sup>	Gantry truck	Mitsubishi Fighter
plastic	9m <sup>3</sup>	Gantry truck	Mitsubishi Fighter
steel	6m <sup>3</sup>	Gantry truck	Mitsubishi Fighter
waste	4.5m <sup>3</sup>	FEL front end load	Hino FM

Yours sincerely



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