

From: [BDC_Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Official information request for Plaza Project Queries Ref: OIA -075/24
Date: Wednesday, 19 June 2024 10:12:25 am
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Dear [REDACTED]

In answer to your question:

- Who first proposed the project – Mike Duff has been the accountable Council officer, as delegated sponsor of the Council-Led District Revitalisation Programme. The project was first proposed by Urbin Kin Ltd who produced the Westport “Design Framework Master Plan 2018” in conjunction with Council.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 10:08 PM
To: BDC_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Official information request for Plaza Project Queries Ref: OIA -075/24

Hi Mike,

Quite obviously your answer does not answer the question “WHO first proposed the project?”

Please advise ASAP.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

On Tue, 18 Jun 2024 at 4:55 PM, BDC_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 14 December 2023. We wrote to you on 14 June to apologise for our oversight in not replying to your initial query.

The information you have requested is as follows:

1. Who first proposed the project – The Town Plaza originates from the Westport “Design Framework Master Plan 2018” used to inform the Council-Led District Revitalisation Programme, first adopted by Council in the 2018-21 LTP. Stage 1 was completed in 2022 as the Town Precinct Pedestrian Plaza preliminary works to delineate an assembly space on Brougham St and provide safe connection across Adderley St. The Stage 2 proposal included further landscaping and streetscaping and improved amenity, however Council resolved in December 2023 to defer construction work until the next LTP cycle where it may be reconsidered.
2. What has been spent on it so far – Stage 1 preliminary works costs were \$30k. Stage 2 planning and development costs before Council deferral are \$9.4k. Total amount spent from inception until 31 May 2024 is \$39.4k.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

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