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**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 352245 - **s7(2)(a)** - Safety report for Hillcrest  
**Date:** Wednesday, 4 October 2023 4:02:41 pm  
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

I wish to object to the lowering of the speed limit to 30 kph in Hillcrest, in the last 10 years there has only been 3 accidents no fatalities or anyone needing to be hospitalized. There are no schools directly in this area so why lower the speed the only thing we seem to see is that you are setting up a speed trap to increase revenue. All roads that have a requested lowered speed has to have a safety report and recommendation from the LTSA I would like you to email me a copy of this report under the official information act. If you lower the speed limit without a justified reason me and others in this area will take it to court, and be aware that if we are successful in returning the speed limit to 50 kph in this area then the police will have to fully refund all revenue collected, if any one loses their licence through demerit points may be able to claim compensation from the council this could cost you thousands of dollars. If successful other area with similar issues may also take you to court and could end up costing you hundreds of thousands of dollars in compensation and court costs.

**Our response:**

The LTSA is no longer in existence. It has since been superseded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

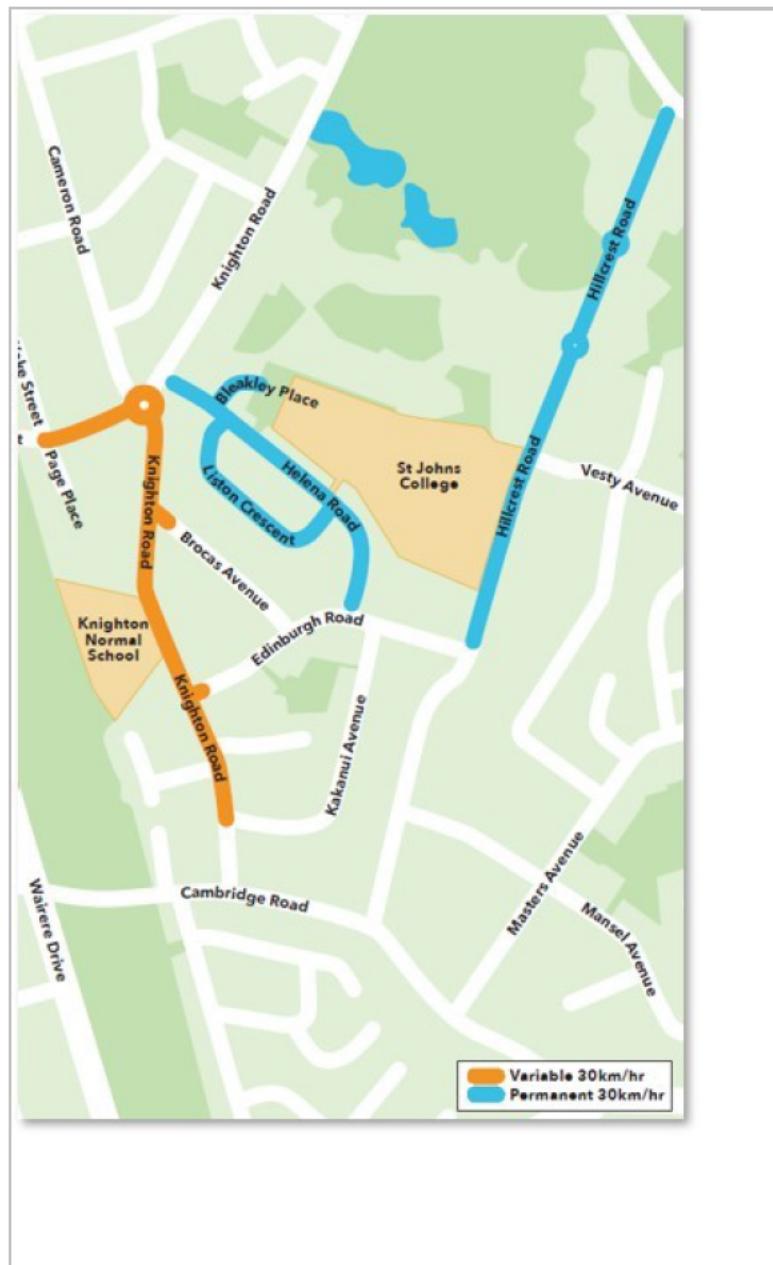
The process for the setting of speed limits was changed via the introduction of the [Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022](#). The rule requires the creation of Speed Management Plans by Road Controlling Authorities such as Hamilton City Council in accordance with the Speed Management Guide – [Road to Zero Edition](#) that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency have created.

The proposed speed limit reduction is in keeping with the [Hamilton City 2022 Speed Management Plan](#) which was fully consulted upon and approved by Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and subsequently certified by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. This signals the proposed implementation of 30km/h speed limits for schools throughout the city.

The Speed Limits Rule sets out the requirement for the speed limits on roads in the vicinity of

schools to be lowered to 30km/h in Section 5, Speed Limits Around Schools.

The proposed 30km/h speed limit in Hillcrest Road is associated with the St Johns High School. Map below:



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.

**Ngaa mihi**

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**From:** s7(2)(a)

**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 September 2023 3:10 pm

**To:** info@hcc.govt.nz

**Subject:** proposed speed reduction

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Looking forward to your comments.

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