

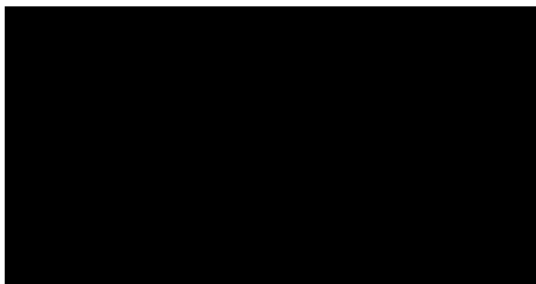


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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR THE DATA ON INJURIES CAUSED BY GOLFING AT NEALE PARK

I refer to your official information request dated 30 November 2021 for receiving the data relating to any injuries caused by Golfing at Neale Park, specifically.

1. Does the Council have data on injuries caused by golfing at Neale Park?
2. What data is there on injuries to Rugby and Soccer players?

What tolerance is given these sports before the Council closes their grounds. Is a "nearly accident" good enough of is thee a need to several concussion or outpatients cases before acting

3. Is the park a designated pass for pedestrians to use as a short cut linking town and residential areas?

These are the people that golfers have to watch out for. Sometimes they completely ignore us. Do they cross at their own risk when highly dangerous pensioner golfers are waiting in ambush?

Council does not hold any information on injuries caused by golfing at Neale Park or data on injuries to Rugby or Soccer players. After a telephone discussion with our Official Information Advisor, Kate Redgrove on Thursday 9 December 2021, you were satisfied that these points would be raised in the hearing process rather than this part of your request be transferred to ACC.

The closing of the Golf Practice Range at Neale Park is being considered through a review of the Urban and Environment Bylaw, which currently designates an area at Neale Park. Your LGOIMA request will be treated as submission to this process which closed on 8 December.

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A review of Neale Park being designated as a permitted golf driving area via the Urban Environments Bylaw has been initiated by feedback from the community, which will be considered along with other feedback on the Bylaw.

Someone from the planning administration team will be in touch with you regarding timing of the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing process, please contact Maxine Day Environmental Planning Manager. maxine.day@ncc.govt.nz

Regarding question 3; Neale Park is categorised as a sportsground. Sportsgrounds provide for a range of recreational activities including formal and informal sports and events. Neale Park includes a major cycleway/walkway which links Atawhai to the city centre, and Council would expect pedestrians to walk through Neale Park. We would also expect pedestrians to cross from North Road through the park to connect to the cycleway/walkway. There is an expectation that all park users are considerate and mindful of each other's safety.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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 me at rosie.bartlett@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rosie Bartlett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rosie Bartlett
Manager Parks and Facilities