

Halswell Junction Road level crossing cost and impacts

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Request

Please advise the total Halswell Junction Road level crossing costs, the impact of this project on rates and the impact on development contributions for the average Hornby home.

Council Response

The total Halswell Junction Road level crossing costs

- As at 30 June 2025 the Halswell Junction Road Level Crossing project has spent \$28.087m.
- A further \$492,450 is budgeted to be expended on the project between 01 July 2025 & 30 June 2026.

The impact of the Halswell Junction Road level crossing project on rates.

- The Christchurch City Council does not rate directly for capital expenditure as it generally borrows to fund capital expenditure, instead rating for the subsequent debt repayment (over a period of 30 years) and interest expense.
- In financial year 2025 (1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025), the council rated a total of \$1,792,610, relating to the debt repayment and interest expense incurred as a result of the Halswell Junction Road level crossing project. (0.24% of the total rates collected by council in the 2025 financial year).
- In financial year 2026 (1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026), the council rated a total of \$2,221,861, relating to the debt repayment and interest expense incurred as a result of the Halswell Junction Road level crossing project. (0.27% of the total rates collected by council in the 2026 financial year).

The impact on development contributions for the average Hornby home.

- Under the 2021 Development Contribution Policy (the current policy) the average development contribution per hue (home equivalent unit) ranges between \$15,370 and \$15,860.
- The 2025 Development Contribution Policy currently under review and being considered for adoption by Council would increase the average Hornby Development Contribution per hue to \$37,200.
- The current Development Contribution Policy can be found here: [Development-Contributions-Policy-2021.pdf](#) in it, it notes all of the projects currently being captured by catchment type, please note that catchments are not by Suburb. These will change as well once the 2025 Development Contributions Policy is adopted.
- Further information on Development Contributions can be found here: [Development contributions : Christchurch City Council](#) along with an estimate calculator that can be used to get an estimate for any address: [Estimate of development contributions charge : Christchurch City Council](#)