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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received 28 June 2021, regarding the Dixon Street Flats, in which you asked:

can I get, under the OIA, any Kainga Ora documentation of correspondence from the past 12 months relating to the future of the Dixon St Flats?

And if there is any info that is more definitive that you can send earlier it would be appreciated.

We have considered your request for any documentation or correspondence from the last 12 months regarding the future of the Dixon Street Flats and have to advise that the amount of work required to find all of the information falling within scope of your request would amount to substantial research and collation. I am therefore declining your request under section 18(f) of the OIA *that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.*

Kāinga Ora acknowledges that the future of the Dixon Street Flats is currently under active consideration and there is a document involved in that process entitled: *Significant Projects Brief Dixon Street 134*. However, I decline to provide that document to you at this time, under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA *to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials*. The public interest in this information does not outweigh the need to withhold it.

It is also important to note that we need to give our customers any information first as our priority. We have been working closely with our customers who live in the Dixon Street Flats over many months around ways we can potentially upgrade the building to help improve their wellbeing. We support and keep in touch with them in a range of ways including regular written and face-to-face communications, as well as our regular onsite sessions where they can drop by to connect with neighbours and ask our people any general questions they may have. We'll be keeping our customers up to date with any plans for the future. If there is information that can go to a wider audience, we'll provide that at the relevant time.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your OIA request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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