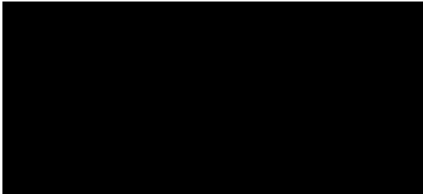


29 June 2020



Thank you for your requests, dated 18 May 2020 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and to Land Information New Zealand, for information about the housing development at Wood Street Wainuiomata. As noted in the email sent to you on 27 May 2020, I am addressing both requests in this response.

1. *All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details of the communications with Iwi & Mana Whenua surrounding the former Woodhatton Primary School site located on Wood Street in Wainuiomata.*

Kāinga Ora has consulted with Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (Port Nicholson Block Settlement) Trust (the Trust) as the mandated iwi authority in Wainuiomata. The plan for Wood Street has been discussed *kanohi ki te kanohi* (face to face) with representatives and senior members the Trust.

On 28 November 2019 we contacted the Trust Chair to advise him of the development. He asked that information be provided to him and to the Trust Manager. On 29 November 2019 we responded to a query from Te Puni Kokiri which has been the Crown lead agency liaising with the Trust regarding its Te Puna Wai development in Wainuiomata. The Trust's commercial advisor inquired about the impact the proposed Transitional Housing Village could have on Te Puna Wai. We advised that we did not foresee any impact.

On 22 January 2020 we contacted the Trust Chair to provide a verbal update on the plans. He asked Kāinga Ora to keep the Trust informed of developments. On 27 February 2020 Kāinga Ora staff met with a representative from the Trust to discuss a range of matters including Wood Street. The options for lease or purchase of the site by Kāinga Ora were discussed. The fact that the site was a deferred settlement site in the Port Nicholson Block Settlement was also discussed.

Kāinga Ora was advised that it was more likely that the Trust would support a mix of public and transitional housing on the Wood Street site over the original plan for solely transitional housing. Also, the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust would support a holistic view toward transitional and public housing being taken across the wider Wainuiomata community. The Trust noted that they do not have a formal policy or position on the provision of housing, but have an aspiration to improve housing outcomes for their members.

On 1 April 2020 we had a phone conversation with a representative from the Trust on various housing matters in which Wood Street was discussed. On 17 April 2020 a Zoom meeting was held with representatives of Kāinga Ora and the Trust to discuss how best the two entities could formalise engagement on housing matters. Potential options for Wood Street were discussed. On 3 June 2020 we provided the Trust representative with an update on our work plan and we will continue to work with and update the Trust as the housing project develops.

- 2. All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details of the communications with Iwi & Mana Whenua surrounding the developments of the former Woodhatton Primary School site located on Wood Street in Wainuiomata in relation to the proposed housing development on the site.*

Please refer to the response to request 1 above.

- 3. All updated site plans and information for the proposed development of the land.*

The updated site plans and information for the proposed development of the land will not be completed until the discussion about possible purchase of the site is resolved. I am therefore declining this aspect of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) as the information does not exist.

- 4. All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details surrounding the acquisition of the land by Kāinga Ora.*

Please refer to the response to request 3 above. This aspect of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

- 5. Information on the budget of the proposed development.*

Please refer to the response to request 3 above. This aspect of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

- 6. All communications, correspondence, reports, notes, briefings, information and details on any analysis of the site infrastructure and including and analysis of the infrastructure the connects to the site. This might include: Water, Plumping, Electrical, Roads, Drainage, Storm Water etc.*

Please refer to the response to request 3 above. This aspect of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

- 7. All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details advised to the Minister of Housing regarding the proposed housing development at the former Woodhatton Primary School site located on Wood Street in Wainuiomata.*

This information is being prepared for release in accordance with your request to Hon Dr Megan Woods and will be provided in due course and no later than 14 July 2020.

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.

Yours sincerely



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