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## **An update on our plans for new homes in Melville – Te Mauri Paihere ki Mangakootukutuku**

*Amohia ake te oranga o te iwi, kia puta ki te wheiao*  
*The wellbeing of the people is paramount*

As you will likely be aware, in order to help meet the high demand for housing in Hamilton, 47 modern, high-quality, healthy homes and a community hub are proposed to be built on the corner of Ōhaupō Road (SH3) and Collins Road in Melville.

The development, known as Te Mauri Paihere ki Mangakootukutuku (Weaving Life Principles), is a unique partnership which reflects the vision of Te Kīngi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII, alongside Waikato-Tainui, Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and Ara Poutama Aotearoa – Department of Corrections.

During early and mid-2021 we shared our proposed plans for the development with the community, and in August, resource consent was lodged. **We can advise that Hamilton City Council has now granted resource consent for this development, which means our plans can progress.**

The partners in the development of Te Mauri Paihere ki Mangakootukutuku are aiming to meet again with the community about our plans, timeframes and next steps early this year.

In the meantime, below is a summary of Te Mauri Paihere ki Mangakootukutuku:

- We will build 47 new, warm, dry, modern homes
- These will be 32 two bedroom, 6 four bedroom and 9 one bedroom properties
- There will be a safe and caring kaupapa Māori-led support and environment which will be for those in need of housing
- This will include 16 homes for waahine who will have recently left a corrections facility, to support them to reintegrate into the community
- The homes will be fully insulated, with double glazing, carpets and curtains, and will be built to a 6 Homestar rating, and will be compliant with the Healthy Homes Standards
- The development will include outside garden areas, landscaping and plantings, off-street parking, and designated rubbish and recycling storage bin areas.

You can learn more about the proposed development, including images and site plans at: [www.kaingaora.govt.nz/temauripaiherekimangakootukutuku](http://www.kaingaora.govt.nz/temauripaiherekimangakootukutuku). Please contact me if you are unable to access the website or prefer printed material.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via my contact details below. We wish you all a very happy and safe remaining holiday period and look forward to reconnecting again soon.

Ngaa manaakitanga,

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