

20 April 2023

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Thank you for your email of 21 March 2023, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Currently there is major construction at 161 guys road, Huntington Park . This is made up of 4 vacant sections on 2 no exit streets . There seems to be a lot of secrecy around what is being built.

Q1 Can you please confirm is this address one of your planned developments (not on website)

Q2 If yes , Can I ask why is this being done cloak and dagger styled ?

Q3 What date and when were the current residents given a consultation period? Pertaining to LARGE constructions that are currently private no exit streets that will now house 48 units. Parking, noise, safety.

Currently we have diggers from 0700 onwards large earth trucks runblings by houses. It would pretty poor form that a government owned development would by pass their legal requirement again (millwater) to block residents knowing whats going on.

Kāinga Ora has considered your request under the Act, and I provide the information you requested below.

Kāinga Ora has contracted to purchase 48 homes at Guys Road and Cottesmore Place, Huntington Park, Auckland. This development is expected to be completed in the second half of 2024. You can find more information on the development at the following link:

<https://kaingaora.govt.nz/developments-and-programmes/what-were-building/public-housing-developments/auckland-region/guys-road-and-cottesmore-place/>

Kāinga Ora aims to be open and transparent about our developments. We keep neighbours and communities informed of our development activity, and our process is outlined on our website:

<https://kaingaora.govt.nz/developments-and-programmes/our-work-in-communities/>


When Kāinga Ora redevelops a site that it already owns, we typically inform neighbours during the feasibility or planning stage of the development. In the case of the development at Guys Road, this site is being developed by a private developer, Gemscott, and we were unable to advise neighbours until the purchase had been approved internally, and the sale and purchase agreement had been finalised. This was after the Resource Consent had been granted and groundwork begun.

The development is approximately 14 months away from completion. Community engagement over the project began on 28 March 2023, when a letter about the proposed development was delivered to neighbours. You can find this letter on the Guys Road and Cottesmore Place development page at the first link provided above.

You can also find further updates at the first link, as they become available. Alternatively, I invite you to register via this link to receive regular project updates. These updates will also be posted on the development page.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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

John Tubberty
Regional Director, Central and East