

9 August 2022

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Thank you for your email of 12 July 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*What was Bonair purchased in secret and land banked for two years? When were you going to inform the community?
How much has Bonair cost to date (including compound interest)?*

Kāinga Ora purchased land in Bonair Crescent for development in March 2020. The business case approved on 20 April 2022 is for 37 public houses, a community room, 38 carparks and bike parks.

Many residents of Millwater have expressed a feeling of being taken by surprise over the plans for 153 Bonair Crescent and upset that Kāinga Ora did not consult with the community sooner. As communicated in recent media, we agree that we should have engaged with residents much earlier than we did, and we acknowledge this.

We want to start over and engage properly with this community. This engagement is now underway, including through our Social Pinpoint engagement tool on our website. We encourage you to visit this and have your say at <https://letstalk.kaingaora.govt.nz/bonair/share/a147a280>. In the interim, Kāinga Ora has suspended any decision about how we progress the site so that we can listen and understand the community's aspirations for the area.

As at 15 July 2022, Kāinga Ora has spent \$5,863,843 on the Bonair Crescent development. Of this cost, \$5,002,500 was spent to purchase the land, with the remaining \$861,343 spent on professional service fees and development and infrastructure charges. I note that Kāinga Ora contracted an independent valuation for the property, which valued the land at \$4,550,000-\$5,025,000.

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

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

Yours sincerely,



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