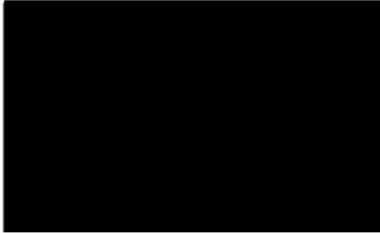


23 June 2020



Thank you for your requests, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) which were transferred to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) and Hon Kris Faafoi, Associate Minister of Housing.

On 25 May 2020 MHUD transferred the following request to Kāinga Ora:

*With respect to the Kainga Ora Housing Development at 56 Wood Street, Wainuiomata;*

- *Various sections of the "Kainga Ora–Homes and Communities Act 2019" require that Kainga Ora act to take account of and accommodate Maori housing and land aspirations and perspectives.*

*Please supply all correspondence and documents relating to how Kainga Ora has undertaken meeting this requirement in relation to the Kainga Ora housing development at 56 Wood Street Waunuiomata*

- *Similarly, please supply all correspondence and documents relating to how Kainga Ora has undertaken accommodating the aspirations and perspectives of the non-Maori residents in the community in relation to the Kainga Ora housing development at 56 Wood Street Waunuiomata*

On 27 May 2020, the office of Hon Kris Faafoi transferred the following OIA request from you to Kāinga Ora.

*RE: Kainga Ora Housing Development at 56 Wood Street, Wainuiomata;*

*In respect of the role of the Associate Minister of Housing (Maori Housing)*

- *Various sections of the "Kainga Ora–Homes and Communities Act 2019" require that Kainga Ora act to take account of and accommodate Maori housing and land aspirations and perspectives. Please supply all correspondence and documents relating to how the Associate Minister has undertaken meeting this requirement in relation to the Kainga Ora housing development at 56 Wood Street Waunuiomata*

As these requests overlap, we provide one response below, per our email to you of 8 June 2020. I note that Kāinga Ora does not hold specific documents or correspondence falling within scope of your requests. However, we provide the following information in good faith.

With regard to the first aspect of your request, 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 was 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.

With regard to the second aspect of your request, Kāinga Ora has engaged with the local community, sought feedback and modified its plans in response to the concerns raised. This approach is demonstrated in the Wood Street Development Update leaflet which was distributed to the local community in January 2020 and which I attach for your consideration. I also note that following the local community's expression of its preference for a mixed model of permanent public housing and transitional housing, Kainga Ora has taken time to explore the possibility of purchasing the site to enable this to happen. When they are in a position to provide an update on plans, they will be in touch to confirm the best way to share the revised plans.

Yours sincerely



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