

23 June 2023

s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email dated 5 May 2023, to Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"I am requesting information on 40 Mill Rd Te Hapara Gisborne. Kainga Ora purchased this address for \$715000 in July 22. I am requesting the market valuation for this house pre purchase. This house was to be moved and the section subdivided. I want to know if any person or family who works for or is associated with Kainga Ora is a tenant of this address and why there is a whole new concrete driveway about to go in, only to be ripped out when subdivision happens. I want the justification on spending large amount of money for it to be wasted. Seems to be a huge waste of taxpayers' money happens"*

Kāinga Ora can confirm that the purchase price of 40 Mill Road, Gisborne was informed by a market valuation report which indicated a market value for the property of \$715,000.

Originally when both 38 and 40 Mill Road were purchased, the intention was to relocate these houses. However, it was decided by the Kāinga Ora regional office that the houses could be utilised. This was based on factors such as shortage of three -bedroom properties and a lack of temporary accommodation in the region.

When 40 Mill Road was purchased, it needed repairs done to bring it up to Kāinga Ora letting standards. The driveway of 40 Mill Road was in poor condition, containing potholes which posed a safety risk to potential customers with children. Kāinga Ora takes health and safety of its customers and their families very seriously. Given that it would take a minimum of two years to get this property through planning and development stages, Kāinga Ora are comfortable with this spending.

The identity of the customer and the personal relationships they may have are being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Kāinga Ora has an obligation to protect the privacy of its customers who live in our houses.

I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9 of the Act. I do not consider the withholding of the information from this response is outweighed by public interest considerations in making that information available.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases its 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.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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