

24 March 2020



Thank you for your information request of 23 January 2020 about the proposed transitional housing village at Wood Street, Wainuiomata. You have asked:

1. *Are pets allowed? I understand from Ginny Anderson that this is not the case*
2. *Will the houses be fully furnished? If so where will excess belongings of families be stored?*
3. *Will there be fencing along the Wood Street frontage?*
4. *Please can you provide a site plan and confirm what buildings are being placed along the Wood Street frontage*
5. *How are rubbish services provided? - On Wood Street or within the development?*
6. *Could you consider the placement of speed bumps along the straight part of Wood Street? We already have people speeding down the street and with more people, children and cars, it would be safer to slow drivers down*
7. *Are you proposing a pedestrian crossing anywhere along Wood Street? - there is a shortcut to Peel Place down by No 59*
8. *What sort of lighting will there be?*
9. *Please can provide a copy of the Environment Affects Assessment before lodging Resource Consent? I could formally request it but this will just tie up more OIA time from your end.*

I understand that you were contacted by Kāinga Ora Senior Advisor Cindy McDonald about your request and that she advised that, at the time of your request, most of the information you were seeking was not known and was therefore not held by Kāinga Ora. Rather than decline your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), on the grounds that the information is not held, Ms McDonald extended the timeframe for responding to your request to 24 March 2020 (20 working days from the date of your conversation).

As advised in the letter sent out to the community on 28 February 2020, Kāinga Ora has been exploring the possibility of purchasing the Wood Street site. At the time of writing, Kāinga Ora is still working through the possibilities of purchasing the Wood Street site. Other decisions are dependent on the outcome of that work. That being the case, some of the answers to your questions are still not held.

With regard to your first two questions, these matters have not yet been resolved. I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held.

3. *Will there be fencing along the Wood Street frontage?*
 - The private gardens associated with each home will be fenced but the homes (including each front door) will face the street. There will not be one continuous fence along Wood Street.
4. *Please can you provide a site plan and confirm what buildings are being placed along the Wood Street frontage.*
 - At this time the site plan has not changed from the one already provided at the public meeting of 20 January 2020, therefore I attach a copy of that plan to this response.

5. *How are rubbish services provided? - On Wood Street or within the development?*
 - This has yet to be decided and I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held.
6. *Could you consider the placement of speed bumps along the straight part of Wood Street? We already have people speeding down the street and with more people, children and cars, it would be safer to slow drivers down.*
 - Any highway improvements outside of the boundary of the site are the responsibility of Hutt City Council. The proposed scheme will be designed to ensure highway safety.
7. *Are you proposing a pedestrian crossing anywhere along Wood Street? - there is a shortcut to Peel Place down by No 59*
 - This has not currently being proposed but thank you for the feedback which will be passed onto the design team for consideration.
8. *What sort of lighting will there be?*
 - This is still to be fully designed but it is likely that the scheme will include low level wayfinding lighting to minimise light pollution whilst providing adequate lighting.

You have asked for a copy of the Assessment of Environmental Effects. This can be shared at the time of lodgement. However, as it has not been finalised I am declining this part of your request under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held.

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

Yours sincerely



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