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Kia ora John

Gaurdians of the Golden Mile Correspondence

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 20 September 2023. You requested the following information: All correspondence between Wellington City Council and 'Guardians of the Golden Mile' (GGM) regarding the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) project under the LGOIMA, including emails, letters, reports, and other relevant documents from council employees or officials. Of particular interest is the letter reportedly sent by Michael Wolff to the Wellington City Council, as mentioned in the NZ Herald article titled "Legal action launched over plan to remove cars from Wellington's Golden Mile" dated 20 September.

Wellington City Council has refused your request for information.

The information you have requested has not been provided under section 7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

Please note subsequent communication has taken place that is out of scope of your request, but this would also be withheld for the same reason.

I note also that should legal proceedings be filed, there will be an avenue for the public to request a copy of any statement of claim through the courts. Given that, it does not appear that any public interest in the disclosing correspondence would outweigh the interest being protected by withholding the document. To the extent that there is a public interest in the letter being disclosed, this would seem to have been met by the information that has already been published.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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