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Tēnā koe Matthew

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act Response

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2024 to Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

The Council was recently involved in announcing a new housing area “northwest” of the Basin Reserve.

Please will you supply a copy of the announcement.

Please do define the area succinctly.

Please will you also supply an update of how the Council is going to build in this area and expected timings till occupation.

Please also include what landownings the council owns in the area.

Any other strategy you have for increasing the number of “homes” in the area will also be appreciated.

Please include any assessments of Ava Isla or v required infrastructure in the area or state that this work has not been done. Infrastructure can be limited to services of internet, power, potable water, stormwater, and sewage.

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

In response to your request for information held regarding the announcement of a new housing area “northwest” of the Basin Reserve, this related to a press released published on the beehive website titled “Ministers, Mayor and Chair agree to end Let’s Get Wellington Moving”:
<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/ministers-mayor-and-chair-agree-end-let%E2%80%99s-get-wellington-moving>. No other information is held, and this press release does not specifically name a location for such development.

Information that falls within scope of your remaining request was a paper submitted to the Let’s Get Wellington Moving Partnership Board meeting held on 6 December. Note, this paper is a concept report that explores scenarios for the delivery of enabling infrastructure and housing around the proposed Mass Rapid Transit route, no decision on location and number of homes have been made. Please see attached. Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

- Section 7(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of individuals;
- Section 7(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;
- Section 7(2)(f)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees.

As per section 7(1) of the LGOIMA, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this response, the withholding of this information is outweighed by the other considerations which render it desirable to in the public interest to make the information available.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact assurance@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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