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Thank you for your request to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, dated 11 April 2024, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

> *I would like to see all correspondence between Kainga Ora and Nelson City Council, regarding the proposed development on Achilles Ave and Rutherford St in Nelson.*

On 16 April 2024, we asked you to refine your request, as there were a large number of emails within scope of your request. On the same day, you refined your request to:

> *Correspondence relating to the decision to not proceed with development of Achilles Ave and Rutherford St.*

Please find attached the information requested that is within scope of your request. We have provided six emails to and/or from the Nelson City Council relating to our decision not to proceed with the development.

Some information from the provided documents is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(j) enable any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

We have withheld in full the following documents that were attachments to the emails provided:

- KO Confidential Briefing 29 June 2023 has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty
- Report: Kāinga Ora Social and Affordable Housing Development Achilles and Rutherford Streets has been withheld under sections 9(2)(h) and 9(2)(j) of the Act.

I do not consider the withholding of the information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making that information available.

In the attachment, we have also provided our Media Release: Nelson Central City housing options continue to be explored, for your information.
You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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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.

Nāku noa, nā

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