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Thank you for your email of 26 September 2023 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details of the communications with Iwi & Mana Whenua surrounding the former Woodhatton Primary School site located on Wood Street in Wainuiomata.*
- 2. All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details of the communications with Iwi & Mana Whenua surrounding the developments of the former Woodhatton Primary School site located on Wood Street in Wainuiomata in relation to the proposed housing development on the site.*
- 3. All updated site plans and information for the proposed housing development of the land.*
- 4. All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details surrounding the acquisition of the land by Kāinga Ora.*
- 5. Information and details on the project budget for the proposed development.*
- 6. All communications, correspondence, reports, notes, briefings, information and details on any analysis of the site infrastructure and including and analysis of the infrastructure the connects to the site. This might include but not limited to: Water, Plumbing, Electrical, Roads, Drainage, Storm Water etc.*
- 7. All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details advised to the Minister of Housing regarding the proposed housing development at the former Woodhatton Primary School site located on Wood Street in Wainuiomata.*
- 8. All information regarding the make up of how the housing will be allocated in terms of a mixed model housing development.*
- 9. All communications, correspondence, notes, briefings, information and details on who has been or who will be appointed to manage the housing development.*
- 10. All communications, correspondence and information that has been provided to local residents in close proximity to the proposed development site.*

To help meet the need for housing in Lower Hutt, Kāinga Ora is looking to build new homes in Wood Street, Wainuiomata. While the development is still in the design stage, we are looking to build 40 homes with a mix of 2, 3, and 4-bedrooms. The homes will be warm, dry, and will cater for a range of people, including those with disabilities. We are also planning to include a community space.

Kāinga Ora has been in the process of purchasing and considering options for the site at Wood Street over the past four years. Due to the significant scope of your request, I am declining your request under section 18(f) of the Act as *“the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.”*

I considered whether fixing a charge, or extending the time limit to respond, would enable us to make this information available to you. However, it was determined that this would not remove the reasons for declining your request.

There is up-to-date information about the Wood Street development on our website that includes fact sheets containing details and timeframes for the development, and plans. These can be found through the following link: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/urban-development-and-public-housing/public-housing/public-housing-developments/wellington-region/wood-street/>

Kāinga Ora also publishes responses to many of its OIA requests. Some of these relate to Wood Street and contain a significant amount of information and relevant documents. They can be found through the following link: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/oia-and-proactive-releases/responses-to-oia-requests/>

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 or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our 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.

Yours sincerely



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