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Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc fyi-request-26421-6b4093bd@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koutou Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc

Thank you for your request of 12 April 2024 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting information under the Official Information Act (the Act):

1./ Copies of approval requests and responses for the circa \$2.3m to the board or management between April 2023 - March 2024.

2./ Copies of the same above but to ministers or other government agencies

3./ Any communications or briefings to ministers or other government agencies since 28th feb till today.

4./ A copy of directives received from ministers or government agencies regarding Teitei Drive this year

5./ Copies of emails, agendas, notes, communications (any form) or documents relating to Teitei Drive since 5th March 2024 as we of the understanding that Kainga Ora still wishes to be development manager for Teitei however communications from the Minister says otherwise.

I am refusing parts 1 and 2 of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist. No approval was sought for the \$2.3 million.

In relation to part 3 of your request, I am providing the following documents as an attachment:

- Extract from Weekly report for period ending 1 March 2024
- Email to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development dated 25 March 2024
- Report on Correspondence copy sent to the Minister's Office 4 April 2024

I am refusing part 4 of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist. No directives have been received from Ministers or government agencies about the Teitei Drive development this year.

In relation to part 5 of your request, an initial email search of all emails relating to Teitei Drive since 5 March 2024 resulted in over 1500 emails. Most of these relate to processing of OIA requests and responding to media requests. I have therefore interpreted your request as being for those emails that relate to the future of the project. I am providing these six emails as an attachment.

Some information from the provided documents is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In making my decision, I considered the public interest and concluded that the public interest in the information does not outweigh the need to withhold the 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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases its responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <u>https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/</u>, with your personal information removed.

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