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Tēnā koe Mr Murdoch

Thank you for your request to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, dated 3 July 2024, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

all correspondence in regards to the proposed housing development on the vacant land on the corner of Hillary Crescent and Bledisloe Road, Maraenui. Napier.

Could you also advise if this development is still going ahead.

On 8 July 2024, we asked you to refine your request. You amended your request to:

any correspondence concerning whether the project is going ahead or not.

I am refusing your request for correspondence concerning whether the project is going ahead under section 9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). In making my decision, I considered that the public interest in the information did not outweigh the need to withhold this information.

Development on the corner of Hillary Crescent and Bledisloe Road, Maraenui is currently under assessment while we work through decisions about our future social housing pipeline. While resource and building consents have been approved for nine units at 19-25 Bledisloe Road, Maraenui, the project will be reviewed to ensure best value for money and alignment with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) priority locations. Napier is one of eight locations identified as a priority in HUD's Public Housing Plan. The Public Housing Plan can be found at:

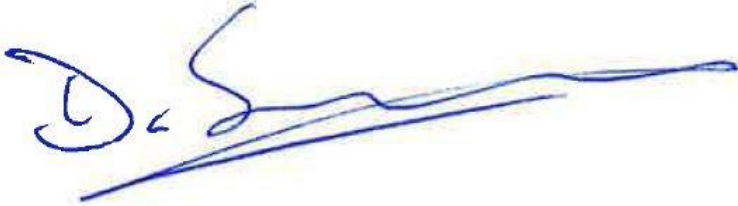
[Public housing plan - Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development \(hud.govt.nz\)](https://www.hud.govt.nz/public-housing-plan)

Should a decision be made to proceed with construction, the nine newly completed homes are expected to be ready for Kāinga Ora tenants by the end of June 2025. As decisions are made, we will keep you and the community informed.

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.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Soughtton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Soughtton
Deputy Chief Executive – Central Region