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Dear Riley

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“LGOIMA”):
Request for Information**

We are contacting you in relation to your request for information (Ref: LGOIMA 3397C) regarding the sale of the Council-owned historic Odeon Theatre building and Manchester Street land parcels.

At the time of your original request, settlement of the property sale had not been completed, so we were unable to answer several of your questions. Settlement has now occurred, which means the Council is now able to provide answers to your outstanding questions.

The properties, including the historic Odeon Theatre building, were sold together as one parcel to local developer, Carter Group, for a sale price of \$3.75M. In accordance with Council’s Reserve Fund Policy, which is available on our website, [Our policies | Environment Canterbury](#), the proceeds from the sale have been added to Council’s Property Development Reserve.

If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact LGOIMA@ecan.govt.nz in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



Giles Southwell

Director Corporate & Public Transport Services

If you are not satisfied with this response, you can refer this matter to the Office of the Ombudsman under s27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.