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J Vella

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Dear J Vella

Thank you for your email of 18 March 2017 requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*The Government's requirements for the Point England housing development (being proposed on Point England Reserve), particularly in terms of how many houses will or are likely to be built and what proportion will be social [housing] and/or affordable housing.*

The proposed housing development will be managed as part of the Government's Under-utilised Crown Land Programme, the objective of which is to deliver new housing at pace. Local iwi, Ngāti Pāoa, will have the first opportunity to begin a housing development and has estimated that at least 300 homes could be built on the 11.69ha block.

Across the Crown Land Development Programme, the Government has committed to at least 20 per cent of the homes for social housing, and at least 20 per cent to be affordable. The exact proportion of social and affordable housing has not yet been agreed for Point England and, along with the total number of houses to be built, will be outlined in any subsequent resource consent applications made.

These affordable homes will be sold for less than the Auckland KiwiSaver HomeStart price cap at the time the development agreement is signed.

The development will also assist with the wider Tamaki regeneration as it will provide new social homes for the existing tenants to move into while other areas are regenerated. This will enable the Government to keep its commitment to existing tenants that they will not be required to leave the Tamaki area.

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N. Smith', written over the typed name.

Hon Dr Nick Smith  
**Minister for Building and Construction**