

24 APR 2017

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Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your email of 24 March 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

'I understand that a new development is being proposed for 4 & 6 Lawry Street, Ellerslie, Auckland. Can you please provide all available information about this development, including but not limited to;

- *Timeline / Programme for completion*
- *Feasibility or concept designs, outlining number of dwellings and beds.'*

I can advise that Housing New Zealand is still considering options for the future of the Lawry Street site and does not currently have a confirmed 'timeline or programme of completion.' I am therefore refusing the first part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, which allows for requests to be refused where *'the information requested does not exist'*.

As Housing New Zealand has yet to make a final decision on its plan for the Lawry Street site, I am also refusing the second part of your request for *'feasibility or concept designs, outlining number of dwellings and beds,'* under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to protect, *'the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.'*

It is important to note that any plan that Housing New Zealand decides upon will comply with the requirements of the Auckland Unitary Plan. Once finalised, Housing New Zealand will consult with stakeholders, including residents of the surrounding area, about how it intends to develop the site.

I understand that Joshua Stevenson, Auckland Development and Planning Lead, has been in contact with you and will be meeting you on 27 April 2017 to discuss your concerns.

You have the right under section 28 of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations