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Dear Judy

Re: Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 18 January, which was a follow-up to your Official Information Act 1982 request, received on 19 December 2012. You requested the following:

"I would like data for the criteria, 'tipping points' or parameters for each criterion, the weighting given to the various criteria within the decision framework, the margins of error for each and how these margins were factored into the decision.

I would also like the same data relating to the areas along Kibblewhite Street and estuary end of Beatty Street in South New Brighton to explain why these areas were zoned TC3.

Please inform me whether these were subjective decisions."

I'm sorry that you have not been satisfied with the information you've received to date.

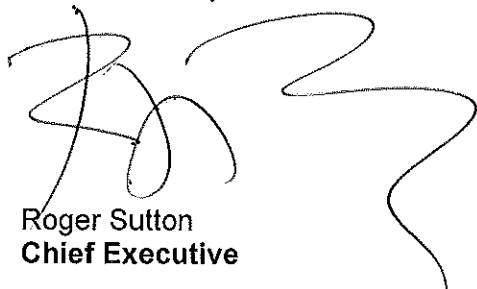
In our reply of 18 January it was explained that the decisions made have been objective ones. There is no additional technical information we can provide you with because the boundary lines were drawn based on expert geotechnical assessment of a range of data sets available, rather than one particular measurement or data set. Geotechnical factors in each area are unique and so expert judgement was used to assess the levels of damage, future risk and feasibility for rebuilding in the short to medium term. As mentioned in previous correspondence (CER 479 refers) the key factor in declaring an area as green zone was whether individual foundation solutions were feasible for the particular ground conditions.

Zoning boundaries have been drawn in line with property boundaries rather than the location of the dwelling on the property. Ground conditions can change within a few metres, so even in the distance between two dwellings the ground conditions can differ. This means that on one property it may be feasible to rebuild while on the adjacent property it is not.

If you have further questions we recommend you seek independent advice from a qualified geotechnical engineer.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Roger Sutton
Chief Executive