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Dear Mr Pearce

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Thank you for your request of 20 June 2019 regarding future cycling and transit connections in the Milldale development area. We have endeavoured to answer your questions, noting that planning for this area is still on-going and therefore we cannot give precise answers to some aspects of your queries.

Public Transport

Several public bus routes to serve the Milldale area are being planned. The Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) 2018 lists (on page 178, as part of Unit 46) a new bus service "Milldale to Hibiscus Coast Station" as part of the future public transport network, to be operational by 2024. This timing will be subject to the progress of the development and suitable roads for the service to operate on being constructed (which will largely be delivered by the developers).

We anticipate this service will operate between Silverdale Town Centre and the new Milldale centre via a new local road bridge across the motorway from Highgate Parkway. The service will then continue from the Milldale centre to the existing Hibiscus Coast Station via Argent Lane, which is planned to be upgraded and extended to connect with Pine Valley Road. The service will operate in both directions and is listed in the RPTP as operating every 30 minutes at all times of day, 7 days a week. The RPTP states the peak frequency will increase to every 15 minutes by 2028.

Over time we anticipate providing further routes into the Milldale area as it develops. However, the exact routes and timing for their introduction are still to be determined and depend in part on development in the area.

As part of their work on determining the future transport networks needed to service greenfield growth areas, Te Tupu Ngātahi – the Supporting Growth Alliance (SGA) – which is a collaboration of Auckland Transport (AT) and the New Zealand Transport Agency is investigating the extension of a rapid transit connection to the Milldale area. A station near the new local road connection across the motorway is anticipated and is planned to act as a hub for local bus services. SGA's work will determine the necessary timing for the delivery of this station, however, it is currently planned for delivery in the third decade of the ATAP programme, after 2038.

Cycling

SGA is identifying key future connections that will be required to support growth in the Milldale area. This work has identified that Kowhai Road, Wainui Road interchange and the Hibiscus Coast Highway interchange will need to be upgraded to better support walking and cycling connections across the motorway. The new Milldale to Highgate bridge will also cater for walking and cycling. The timing of the delivery of this infrastructure is still being determined.

AT is planning for appropriate safe cycling infrastructure on new arterial roads within the development and requires developers to provide appropriate infrastructure on the collector and local road network. When complete the Milldale area will have a comprehensive network of safe cycling infrastructure. The exact timing of the delivery of this network will depend on the rate at which the development progresses.

For additional information on these matters, please refer to www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz for information on the Supporting Growth Alliance's work.

We trust the above information has addressed the matters raised however, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on (09) 355 3553 during business hours, quoting Local Government Official Information request number CAS-1088923-C0X2X8.

Yours sincerely



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