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Kia Ora Mr Randle

On 23 July 2021, Tom Nelson from the Ombudsman Office advised that you had requested for clarification on a previous request (IRO-10768). These included:

- Any and all details regarding a meeting with Ministry for Environment.
- To address the reference to a definition provided by Waka Kotahi (item 10).

A video conference meeting with Ministry for Environment (MfE) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) took place on 14 June 2020. Attendees included Adam McCutcheon (WCC) Kate Pascall (WCC) and Tim Johnstone (WCC), Jym Clark (MfE), Bryan Patchett (HUD) and David Shamy (HUD).

The Council specifically asked Ministry for the Environment (MfE) Officials:

- if the rapid transit service definition was intended to apply to Johnsonville line; and
- if this was the policy intent of the NPS-UD.

Both points were confirmed by MfE officials.

Accordingly, Council Officers modelled walking catchments around each of the stations on the Johnsonville line. A housing typology that gives effect to policy 3 of the NPS-UD ('enable building heights at least six storeys') was applied.

Council Officers cannot recollect any other details from the meeting.

The Council was not provided a definition by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency regarding item 10 of the response. Andrew Wharton Principal Advice of Let's Get Wellington Moving Interface provided Tim Johnstone and Adam McCutcheon from the Place Planning team at Wellington City Council with a list of definitions from a number of publicly available sources. The link to Waka Kotahi website and their definition is listed here. <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning-and-investment-knowledge-base/201821-nltp/activity-classes-and-work-categories/rapid-transit/>.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any question please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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