



31 May 2021

Official information request 8140008592
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Robin Benson

By email: fyi-request-15457-281eaf77@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Robin

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Queen Street Upgrade Negotiations

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2021, in which you requested information about information on negotiations about Queen Street.

The specific details of your request and our response is below:

An email from 15 May 2021 is circulating in the public domain that appears to be from Krukziener Properties.

The email indicates that the lobby group Save Queen Street and/or Krukziener Properties has negotiated directly with Auckland Council concerning the issue of the planned upgrades to Queen Street, Auckland.

Please provide any and all details of such "negotiations" with the Save Queen Street lobby group and/or Krukziener Properties and/or any other party related to such non-public discussions/negotiations, including but not limited to:

- (a) The parties in attendance, including personnel, officers or representatives from Auckland Council*
- (b) Details, notes or material discussed*
- (c) Resultant undertakings and/or actions provided and/or promised*
- (d) Any other material relating to this contact/"negotiation"*

Save the Queen Street Society has brought judicial review proceedings against Auckland Council. These proceedings are ongoing with a hearing date set down for 26 and 27 July 2021.

Therefore, your request for information has been refused on the grounds of sections 7(2)(c) and section 7(2)(i) where withholding is necessary to –

(c) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information—

- (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied

We do not consider that these withholding grounds are outweighed by any considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **John Dunshea – General Manager Development Programme Office.**

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman if you believe we have not responded appropriately to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140008592.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fernanda Maciel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

Fernanda Maciel
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Governance Services