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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your request received on Thursday 10th June 2021, for the following information:

Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, I wish to request the agenda and minutes relating to the public excluded parts of Carterton District Council's Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 October 2020, specifically '8.2 - Proposal to purchase property', IF this relates to the CDC's desire to purchase, acquire, compulsorily take or any other discussion about the land on Costley Street, Carterton owned by the Estate of Joseph Aplin (Section 1 on SO 327060).

On 11 May 2021 Bob Austin (acting on behalf of CDC which can be confirmed by Solitaire Robertson) notified Nicole Black of Rainey Collins Wright Lawyers (acting on behalf of the descendants of Joseph Aplin) that formalising this section of land for road is not a viable consideration for CDC, and they have withdrawn their Public Works Act Section 18 Notice of Desire.

If the requested information relates to this section of land, and as CDC no longer desire to acquire this land, there is no longer valid reason to withhold the information:

- s7(2)b(ii) is invalid as CDC no longer has a commercial position or interest in the land which could be prejudiced.
- s7(2)(i) is invalid as CDC no longer wishes to continue negotiations.

Please find below information relevant to your request, which we have released under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The public excluded discussion at the meeting held on 28th October 2020 did not relate in any way to Costley Street or to the estate of Joseph Aplin and the reasons for it being in public excluded remain valid.

You have the right to seek a review of our response/these decisions by way of complaint to the Ombudsman, under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Yours sincerely

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Interim Chief Executive

