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Official Information Request No. 8140010234
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Dear Andrew

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
Re: survey of residential and business special character areas

I refer to your email, which we received on 20 April 2022, requesting information about the survey of residential and business special character areas

The specific details of your request and our response is below

Please send me the methodologies for the survey of residential and business character areas that was recently performed to support changes to the Auckland Unitary Plan. Please also send me all correspondence relating to the remit of the survey and any correspondence that indicates what outcomes were preferred.

In response to your first question, the guidance documents outlining the methodology for the survey of residential and business character areas has been sent to you. Please note this information is also publicly available on the AK have your say website, on the right-hand column under 'Documents'.

For ease of answering, your second request has been split into two:

- a. Correspondence relating to the remit of the survey
- b. Correspondence that indicates what outcomes were preferred.

In relation to sub-question a, there is no known correspondence. For helpfulness however, experts have supplied the following background:

The survey of the Special Character Areas Overlay was defined by the existing special character areas that are included in the Auckland Unitary Plan. Council was compelled to undertake a survey of the SCA because the National Policy Statement on Urban Development requires a site-by-site analysis of the qualifying matters that Council has chosen to include. The only way to collect this level of data is through a survey, therefore no alternatives were considered.

In relation to sub question b, there was no preferred or expected outcome from the survey. Accordingly, there is no known correspondence discussing question.

The decision by Auckland Council to release the information contained in this response was made by **Noel Reardon, Heritage Manager**.

Should you believe Auckland Council has 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 of the decision.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No. 8140010234.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing line, positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Grace Ray
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