



22 September 2022

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Via email: fyi-request-20418-d576d278@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Brian

Official information request relating to the process and substance of Variation 1 to the PDP

I refer to your official information request dated 31 August 2022.

The information you have requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

Please provide me with the following information:

- 1. Details and substance of any decision (formal or otherwise) of the Council to proceed with community engagement in April 2022 about potential amendments to the proposed District Plan (Variation 1) and in response to the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021.**

As the community engagement carried out in April 2022 on the draft Variation to the Proposed District Plan was informal in nature, there was no requirement for Council to formally approve the engagement exercise. Council officers therefore did not need to seek a formal decision from Council to engage.

Council officers did however seek feedback on engagement material and key messages at a Workshop of Council on 31 March 2022, following which updates to the engagement material was made prior to engagement commencing. The workshop report is included as **Attachment 1** to this response, along with the workshop presentation as **Attachment 2**. Consultation boards in relation to the Northern Growth Area were also presented for feedback at the workshop and these are included as **Attachment 3**.

- 2. If no such decision (formal or otherwise) exists, the reasons why this is the case.**

This is covered in the response to Q1 above.

- 3. Details and substance of any process (formal or otherwise) by which Councillors were given advice about the concept of Qualifying Matters as provided for in the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021.**

This question has been comprehensively answered in an email from me on 8 September 2022 in response to a separate query from you. This is included as **Attachment 4** to this response.

- 4. If no such process was undertaken, and/or no such advice was given to Councillors, (formal or otherwise), the reasons why this is the case.**

This is covered in the response to question 3 above.

- 5. The reasons why the council officer recommendation report dated 23 June 2022 makes no reference to the concept of 'Qualifying Matters', and how this might relate to the variety of**

options open to the Council to meet its obligations under the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021.

This question has been comprehensively answered in my email dated 8 September 2022 in response to a separate query from you. This is included as **Attachment 4** to this response.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Moana Wyatt at official.inforamtion@porirucity.govt.nz.

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