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Dear Mr Murphy

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request dated 11 August 2023 Questions to Clive (CEO) and Weston (mayor) and Councillors.

We apologise for the lateness of this response and acknowledge it is not within legislative timeframes.

1. Clive & Weston, if you could both please provide a written statement as to the decision to use Field 1 rather than Field 2 for the first stage as per question  
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2. What concerns were raised as to potential issues of this project, by any staff members or council contractors

3. What consideration was taken into account for Snowmass residents, as I'm certain there would have been some

4. What concerns were raised about Carrot Park, again Im sure there were some; if not then you don't understand the value of your tourism or the carrot park

*Q 2,3 & 4 also in OIA request dated 18 July 2023, fyi20762, response provided 4 October 2023.*

5. As per <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRxUDrCk1xA&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d243s> we are being told this is going ahead no matter what, I would like to know what each existing council representative feels about this.

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6. What was the process for choosing the independent and please provide documentation and policies surrounding this - <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRxcEqCpxg&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d802s>

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*Ruapehu District Council (RDC) holds a list of approved Commissioners of which Greg Hill was initially selected to determine the applications. The Executive Manager Regulatory & Customer Services holds delegated authority to make this selection, based on the Commissioner's level of skills, experience, availability and understanding of our Rohe. However, in this particular occasion the Applicant has subsequently requested all applications (including those lodged with Horizons Regional Council) to be notified.*

*Due to this request, RDC and Horizons will work together to determine a suitable independent Hearings panel to hear all applications in one Hearing. This discussion and decision will be held once all outstanding information is received from the Applicant and the applications are considered complete.*

*This process is supported by RDC's delegation register and the Resource Management Act 1991.*

7. A question stating the independent may not be impartial was raised, was this at any time a concern, and if so, how was it mitigated - <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTR0dU-n84kw&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d842s>  
*Does not fit criteria for OIA.*

8. The walkway between snowmass and the carrot park is of great concern, as it will be a built site for a long period of time, the access may need to be cornered off, what are the plans for this and will there be a period of time it is closed for public use, and if so, what alternatives will be in place for people walking to town as no footpaths exist on the dangerous 70km/h SH49 - <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRxMFontpxg&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d877s>  
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9. Please provide the traffic report stated in this question - <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRxJYons-wg&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d1130s>  
*Traffic report available [kaingaora.govt.nz/teiteidrive](http://kaingaora.govt.nz/teiteidrive)*

10. Clive, over the phone, you told me the funding was originally allocated for Taumarunui but was shifted to Ohakune due to a land claim from Ngata Rangī on the Taumarunui land, what was the address of the property at Taumarunui that was originally proposed [https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTR0JX\\_35oIQ&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d1509s](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTR0JX_35oIQ&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d1509s)

RDC Land in Taumarunui- investigated as part of CIP process/not meeting CIP funding criteria
301 Taupo Road
66 Lairdvale Road
36 & 50 Miriama Street
140 Taupo Road
45 - 47 Taumarunui Street
11 Wackrow Street
4 Miriama Street
8 Taumarunui Street
6 Cherry Grove
1 Huia Street

11. Clive, you state there was. Community consultation as per <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTR0BR->

[iU6kw&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d1560sAmI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d1560sAmI) correct that the only document pertaining is “Public and Affordable Housing Asset and Tenancy Management Strategy” or are there others?

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*No others.*

12. Your document stated in point 11 highlighted wrap around services etc, have these been put in place, and if so what has changed since the policy was accepted?

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13. KO stated “it is not their roll to make that happen” to bring GP’s etc, so how will this happen -

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14. The community confirmed the right to housing, but not the placement and intensification of this development, why did RDC thing this was ok -

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15. As per <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTROQary9uwA&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d1844s>

please advise what consultation was done as KO stated this is RDC land and “we can ask Clive, where was that consultation and who was it had with”, please provide this information  
*On listening to this section of the meeting we require more clarity around this question.*

16. Clive, your statement at [https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRORQ\\_X5qXw&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d1972s](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRORQ_X5qXw&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d1972s)

“Council felt, it was part of its roll to try and partner with people”; can you please advise who “Council” is and who decided this. Please also advise what the meaning of “felt” was in this context. Please confirm if this was an emotional feeling or a feeling in the best interest of rate payers and advise the people that had this feeling and the people that didn’t.

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17. Clive, please advise if any directives were given to you or any RDC staff member by Megan Woods (or via Kainga Ora) or any other minister or their staff, to keep this project quiet; and what those directives were.

*7(2)(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).*

18. Clive, you said at [https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRONUqS4\\_xg&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d2031s](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRONUqS4_xg&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d2031s)

that there was no point consulting on a piece of land that the government hadn’t committed to. Please clarify who you refer to here with “consulting” was this no point consulting with third parties, or with the community. If the former, consulting work started in at least October 2022. If the latter, why did you not consult with the public and rate payers before submitting resource consent, or when you already had design layouts of LOTs of land back in September 2022?

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19. There are 12 people on the MSD waitlist for houses in Ohakune. You were asked if people would be imported to fill the 15 homes proposed to be built as per <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRxdSqXhvwg&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d2040s> . I pose the question, why is Ngata Rangi given special preference in this project for housing, and why are the people Helen refers to and you refer to, not following government process and being given special preferences?

20. Clive, can you or Weston confirm that the houses available on TradeMe that have double glazing and good heating standards etc, listed for under \$500k are more expensive than the houses and land you are proposing (i.e. this project is a cheaper alternative to buying healthy homes off the market). Or can you confirm whether this will be a cost to tax payers as this is the only way to use government resources / money to get housing in the area

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21. We would like to request a zoom call with you and Weston for the public benefit of ratepayers as requested <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=htHV5ALgD-XFCO3ZuHuSI2x2pxEcmziTRORRrihuzg&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2eyoutube%2ecom%2fwatch%3fv%3dCi%5fXVvmmPr0%26t%3d2260s>

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact [details of contact person].

Yours sincerely

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