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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Mr Ben Ross

By email: [fyi-request-2449-dc598a1e@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-2449-dc598a1e@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Ross

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

**Re: Westgate Centre Development**

I refer to your email, which we received on 31 January 2015, requesting information about the report commissioned by Auckland Council regarding the Westgate centre development.

The report that is referred to by the New Zealand Herald cannot be released because doing so is likely to prejudice to the commercial position of the parties involved and is also subject to legal professional privilege. We are therefore refusing to release the report under s17(a) of the Act, on the basis that there is good reason to withhold under s7(2)(b)(ii) and s7(2)(g).

Once the Auditor General's investigation is complete we may be in a position to review this decision.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsmen to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 890 8127, quoting Official Information Request No. 9000133693.

Yours sincerely

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