



HUD2024-003823

Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc
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Dear Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc

Thank you for your email of 19 February 2024 requesting information relating to 6 Teitei Drive, which is also known as the Ohakune Social Housing Project (the Project), under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act)

You will recall that Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), transferred part of your request as the information requested is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities.

HUD has responded to the remaining six questions below.

1./ Point 1 (Funding), please provide a list of payments to KO made to date and supporting documentation used to approve payment, also include the amount paid and dates

No payments have been made therefore this is refused under 18(e) of the Act as the document requested does not exist or cannot be found.

9./ Point 4.1, 4.2,4.3 - Have HUD requested any items under 4.1, please provide copies; also has HUD assigned an observer, or document any discussions under 4.3 of the agreement.

No items have been requested.

11./ Point 6.1 - We have provided evidence as to a breach of the Warranties, where KO has provided CIP/HUD misleading (emails from senior staff stating to withhold facts from ministers and reference group to obtain funding) and providing false statements on the funding application (stating the consent to be simple and permitted, when it was in breach of just about every district rule and policy) and that funding was well understated and known at time of application to then be increased by \$2.3m just a month after contract signing. Please provide emails & documentation into the investigation of these breaches that have been reported and the status of the investigation.

HUD has not completed any investigations for breach of warranties.

12./ Point 9 - Please provide any communications received by HUD in relation to media enquiries and the responses made by HUD.

No communications have been provided to HUD in relation to media enquiries therefore this is refused under 18(e) of the Act as the document requested does not exist or cannot be found.

14./ While this is somewhat opinion while we await OIA response (which has been delayed and extended, due for response this week), it would appear Teitei Drive/State Highway intersection encroaches a reserve/park, thus is not legally formed; 6 Teitei Drive has no legal access. To go through formal consultation with the community on vesting this park land as road could take years, or the reconstruction of the road to form on the correct location will be costly and take time. The consequences to the whole development and any resource consent application could be interesting. Please advise if HUD has received any communications about provide any documentation or emails that relate.

HUD has not received any communications on legal access to 6 Teitei Drive, therefore this is refused under 18(e) of the Act as the document requested does not exist or cannot be found.

15./ Has HUD been notified that the partners to the 6 Teitei Drive project have been put on notice and a Judicial Review is likely, please provide copies of communications or documents as this should be covered under question 2 above

HUD has not been notified.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony De Gregorio', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Tony De Gregorio
Head of Finance

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development