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- Is it looking to purchase existing houses currently on the market in Ohakune?
- Is it looking to purchase existing homes in other parts of the Ruapehu District and if so where?
- Is it looking to build new homes in the area if so how many and where?
- What is the latest cost estimate for the project and how much more is it than the initial projections made in 2021?

Thanks in advance,

Nikki Preston

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Hi Nikki,

Please find below our response to your questions.

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To be attributed to Graeme Broderick, Regional Director for Taranaki, Whanganui and Manawātū

Kāinga Ora will continue to explore with its partner agencies the options available to address the housing shortage in Ohakune. As we have only just made the decision to withdraw from the Teitei Drive development, we don't have any specific plans yet.

We are open to looking at options to support the supply of public and affordable housing and we will continue to review homes on the market in Ohakune and the wider Ruapehu District. However, it is important to note that not all homes that come onto the market are suitable for us to purchase, primarily due to construction standards and protective covenants.

Another way we could potentially increase the number of homes for people needing housing is through buying land and working with build partners to deliver new homes. We may also be able to make better use of the land we already own by replacing some of our existing older homes with modern, warm and dry homes through our redevelopment programme.

We withdrew from the Teitei Drive development as further recent detailed design and planning work identified that the \$5.2 million allocated by the Crown Infrastructure Partners for land development wasn't sufficient to cover all the costs of the work. It is estimated that, if we were to proceed, the project would be completed at a deficit of between \$2-3million.

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