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Tēnā koe Curious Wellingtonian

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2024 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

In relation to the Thorndon Quay roading upgrades, please provide any letters, emails, Txt messages, WhatsApp messages, Signal messages, Viber messages, calendar appointments, and handwritten/typed notes/recordings of phone conversations/meetings between:

1. *Cr Diane Calvert and Thorndon Quay affected business owners*
2. *Cr Tony Randle and Thorndon Quay affected business owners*
3. *Cr Ray Chung Thorndon Quay affected business owners*
4. *Cr Nicola Young Thorndon Quay affected business owners*
5. *Cr Diane Calvert and Minister Simeon Brown (and/or his staff)*
6. *Cr Tony Randle and Minister Simeon Brown (and/or his staff)*
7. *Cr Ray Chung and Minister Simeon Brown (and/or his staff)*
8. *Cr Nicola Young and Minister Simeon Brown (and/or his staff)*
9. *Cr Diane Calvert and Mark Crofskey*
10. *Cr Tony Randle and Mark Crofskey*
11. *Cr Ray Chung and Mark Crofskey*
12. *Cr Nicola Young and Mark Crofskey*

for the period between 1 June and 7 August 2024

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

In answer to questions 1-4 please find attached Appendix One. Some information has been withheld from the correspondence pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of natural persons and section 7(2)(c) of the LGOIMA, in order to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.

In answer to questions 5-8, please find attached, Appendix Two. Some information has been withheld from the correspondence pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

As per section 7(1) of the LGOIMA, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this response, the withholding of this information is outweighed by the other considerations which render it desirable to in the public interest to make the information available.

In answer to questions 9-12, no correspondence was found between the relevant Councillor and recipient, therefore I am refusing those portions of your request pursuant to section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman.

Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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