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Our Ref No: LEX12055

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Dear Sir

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – SHARE AN IDEA

I refer to your email dated 21 November 2012, received by Christchurch City Council Customer Services requesting information in relation to Share an Idea.

Please note that your request for information has been considered under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the "Act").

You have requested:

**"all raw submitted data (in whatever form it exists) relating to the Share and Idea campaign run in 2011 following the Christchurch earthquakes."**

Council is not willing to provide you with access to all raw submitted data. This information contains confidential personal information of members of the public.

When the information was requested from the public, Council undertook to protect the privacy of the submitters. This was to encourage a wide discussion on the issues.

Your request is declined under the Act for the following reasons:

1. Section 7(2)(a) permits the withholding of information to protect the privacy of the provider of information.
2. Section 7(2)(c) provides that Council may protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the disclosure of that information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information or information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Your request is also declined under the Privacy Act 1993. The Privacy principles prevent the use of personal information for purposes other than that for which it was collected unless the providers of that information consent. The Council does not have the consent of the submitters in this instance.

In addition, to provide you with all raw submitted data would require significant collation and research. Such an exercise would impair the efficient administration of Council staff. Section 17(f) of the Act allows Council to refuse a request where the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

In deciding to withhold information under sections 7(2)(a), 7(2)(c) and 17(f) of the Act, the Council is required to consider whether there are any public interest considerations which outweigh the need to withhold the information requested. The Council does not consider that

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there are any public interest considerations that outweigh the need to withhold the information requested.

We draw your attention to the comprehensive summary of the public consultation during Share an Idea, which can be found in the Technical Appendices document on the Central City Plan website ([www.centralcityplan.org.nz](http://www.centralcityplan.org.nz)).

We also attach two pieces of information which you may find of use. The Common Themes Analysis report (attached) is the primary output of the research. Also attached is the node structure used in NVivo which includes a count for each theme.

I advise that under the provisions of the Act you have the right to request the Office of the Ombudsmen to review the decision of the Council on the disclosure of the information requested.

Yours faithfully



Chris Gilbert  
**Solicitor**  
**Legal Services Manager**