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Dear Mr Ross

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1) *Is the draft integrated spatial plan able to be released into the public domain given it is being sent to Key Stakeholders for refinement and that Key Point 7 states consultation could be done?*
- 2) *Who is the Planning Advisor that was jointly appointed?*
- 3) *Who is the Project Coordinator?*
- 4) *Has the project commissioned external advice on any aspect of the Spatial Plan, if so what, why and who by?*
- 5) *What basis or foundational material was used to help establish the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan?*

In response to your request, answers to your questions have been provided below.

- 1) *Is the draft integrated spatial plan able to be released into the public domain given it is being sent to Key Stakeholders for refinement and that Key Point 7 states consultation could be done?*

As at 25 October 2018, a draft plan has not yet been prepared. A draft is due to be presented to the project leadership group on 14 December 2018. The project leadership group will decide whether public consultation will be undertaken.

- 2) *Who is the Planning Advisor that was jointly appointed?*

There is no Planning Advisor to the project. Mr Kobus Mentz from Urbanism Plus was contracted by the project steering group (through New Zealand Transport Agency) to facilitate a joint officials workshop at the end of August 2018. Mr Mentz has been the only external consultant to the project so far.

- 3) *Who is the Project Coordinator?*

Ms Natalie van Rossen, New Zealand Transport Agency, is the project coordinator.

4) *Has the project commissioned external advice on any aspect of the Spatial Plan, if so what, why and who by?*

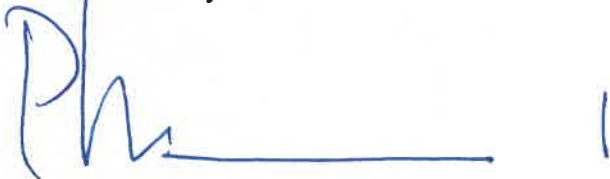
As above, Mr Mentz was commissioned to facilitate the joint officials workshop in August 2018. He has recently undertaken urban design work for Auckland Council, Waikato District Council, and Hamilton City Council, along the Auckland-Hamilton corridor, and was therefore considered to be ideally placed to undertake this task. Mr Mentz's involvement ended at the conclusion of the workshop in August 2018. As at 25 October 2018, no other external advice has been commissioned.

5) *What basis or foundational material was used to help establish the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan?*

- Existing council and central government agency strategies, policies and plans for the relevant areas e.g. Auckland Unitary Plan, Auckland Development
- Strategy, Waikato Regional Policy Statement, FutureProof Strategy.
- Current 'live' corridor and local area planning e.g. structure planning in Pukekohe, Waikato District town 'blueprints'.
- Land use information from relevant councils to generate 'base maps'.
- Government's Urban Growth Agenda objectives.

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 [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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Hon Phil Twyford  
**Minister of Housing and Urban Development**