

14 December 2018

Mr Damian Light
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Dear Mr Light

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

CAS-913754-H1B9N3 – AMETI Eastern Busway

We refer to your email dated Tuesday 20 November 2018 requesting information regarding the removal of houses along the AMETI Eastern Busway route.

We have provided our responses to each of your questions below:

1. What is the current plan for all these houses (e.g. demolish, relocate)?

The contractor is aiming to relocate properties where possible, however the vast majority of buildings are unable to be re-located due to various reasons related to their condition and structural stability.

Auckland Transport has set some strong conditions around waste minimisation with the contractor. The contractor estimates that they will recycle up to 90% of non-asbestos contaminated materials. The bulk of the materials will be metals or concrete and bricks. Steel & metal can be recycled while concrete and bricks can be re-used in construction (and reduces the need to source new materials) throughout Auckland.

Any materials that the contractor is unable to recycle themselves, are sent to Green Gorilla for processing. The balance of materials is sent to a plant that uses the waste to generate electricity.

2. What alternatives to destruction were considered?

Auckland Transport undertook a previous investigation into the buildings affected by the project to ascertain how many could potentially be relocated. Properties identified for possible relocation were offered to mana whenua and to Housing New Zealand however both parties declined to accept the offer due to logistical reasons and the cost of removal vs the property condition.

3. Why the current plan was decided upon?

The demolition of properties is required to accommodate the layout of the AMETI Eastern Busway project.

The new busway and associated infrastructure is located over the footprint of the houses to be demolished. The widening of the corridor is necessary to provide the high-quality busway facility along with safe walking and cycling facilities, landscaping, stormwater treatment and suitable traffic lanes for general traffic.

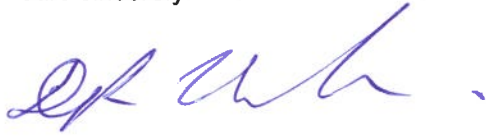
For further information please refer to the assessment of options outlined in the attached document which was provided as part of the AMETI Eastern Busway 1 Notice of Requirement process.

For any more information on this project please contact the project team via MajorProjects@at.govt.nz



We trust the above information has addressed the matters raised however, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27 (3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

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