

15 June 2022

Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-274

I refer to your information request we received on 17 May 2022 for the following:

- 1. What engagement the Council has had with the owners of Kapiti Coast Airport in regard to land that can be used for residential development, noting that the previous owners of Kapiti Landing had outlined extensive development plans, including a plan for a retirement village (all of this indicating that this land is suitable for residential development).***

Council has had some initial preliminary engagement with the owners of the Kāpiti Coast Airport; however we have not yet received any details regarding the use of the airport land for residential purposes. Kāpiti Coast Airport Holdings Limited have previously advised Council that they are not in a position to discuss their proposal, as they are in discussions with local Hapu.

- 2. What engagement has taken place with any other parties (eg. iwi, Government agencies, etc) in regard to potential future use of the airport land.***

Council has engaged with the trustees of the Puketapu ki Paraparaumu Trust. The purpose of this engagement is to understand their aspirations for the airport and the airport land. Council has had some engagement with government agencies in relation to the potential use of the airport and the airport land. Council officers met with members of the public on 23 February 2021, who presented their own alternative vision for Kāpiti airport.

- 3. Any factors the Council has been made aware of that are prohibiting the airport land being used for future residential development. If there are factors of a regulatory nature, please include documentation and/or correspondence the Council has that outlines this.***

Regulatory factors that may prevent areas of airport land being used for future residential development could include (but may not be restricted to) existing designations, the Operative Kapiti Coast District Plan 2021, and the Operative Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region 2013.

Documentation relating to existing designations, and the Operative Kapiti Coast District Plan 2021, can be accessed from the Council website at [Operative District Plan 2021 - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Operative-District-Plan-2021).

The Operative Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region 2013 can be accessed from the Greater Wellington Regional Council website at [Regional Policy Statement \(Operative and Proposed\) | Greater Wellington Regional Council \(gw.govt.nz\)](#).

As there is no correspondence held by Council outlining these factors, we are refusing your request for documentation and/or correspondence under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA - does not exist, despite reasonable efforts to locate the information, it cannot be found.

4. *If engagement has not taken place with the Airport owners in regard to the critical need for further residential housing, please advise the reasons for this.*

Please refer to the response to question 1.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

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