

23 February 2021

Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 8013288 (OIR: 2021-184)

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

I understood that the two sites that KCDC bought at marine parade were to be used for the new 'gateway project' That was the whole purpose of the capital outlay, a new centre for a link to the island.

Now that the Gateway Project is going to be built (if it goes ahead) on the foreshore (reducing the scenic view of Kapiti Island) what is KCDC going to do with this land. We obviously do not need both and it would reduce debt (and maybe finance the new centre) if this land was sold promptly.

Here is a link to a public statement in October 2019 regarding the acquisition of 26 and 29 Marine Parade:

[Council resolves to acquire land at Paraparaumu Beach - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/your-council/projects/kapiti-gateway-centre/#collapseSixteen)

For further information about the Gateway project please see:

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/your-council/projects/kapiti-gateway-centre/#collapseSixteen>

1. What was the cost of the 2 sites at Marine Parade?

Please refer to the public statement above for detail of the purchase price.

2. Where can I see details of the business plan for the new centre?

Councillors are due to make a decision whether or not to proceed with the Gateway project on 25 February 2021. A business plan would be developed if the Council decides the project should proceed.

3. The total cost to ratepayers is obvious, but I am having trouble seeing the prediction of actual numbers of people visiting,

Please refer to the website link above. Please refer to the Council agenda paper for the Gateway here:

https://kapiticoast.infocouncil.biz/Open/2021/02/CO_20210225_AGN_2297_AT.htm#PDF2_ReportName_9696

In the Council agenda paper, visitor growth rate is covered in paragraphs 18 to 28. Please refer to Appendix 2 within the document also. The ongoing operating costs are covered in paragraphs 26 to 37.

4. *The actual numbers of those paying entry fees and the actual continuing cost of running the site.*

Please refer to our response to Question 3 and paragraph 30 of the Council agenda paper.

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