

20 May 2020

Official Information Request No. 8140006511 (Please quote this in any correspondence)



Dear

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: One Tree Hill

Thank you for your request which we received on 7 February 2020 about One Tree Hill.

I have liaised with our plans and places department in relation to your request. For ease of reference, I have included our response under each of your questions below:

a. Since the 19 February 2019 Notice of Withdrawal of the application by TMA for a declaration to the Environment Court, Case number CIV-2018-AKL-000276, in the matter between TMA and Council, what has happened?

On 5 March 2019 the council's Planning Committee considered a confidential agenda item on a Proposed Plan Change to the Auckland Unitary Plan addressing the volcanic viewshafts and height sensitive areas identified in the Auckland Unitary Plan.

b. TMA have indicated that they went into discussions with Council about the matter. Have TMA and Council come to any agreement on the the View Shafts and Height Sensitive Areas Overlay? If so, what are the details of the agreement?

An agreement was reached between the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and the council in relation to the declaration proceedings initiated by the Tūpuna Maunga Authority. The information has been withheld under Section 7(2)(c)(i) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) as withholding is necessary—to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information form the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information continue to be supplied;

c. If not, what is the current status of this negotiation?

While an agreement was reached in relation to the declaration proceedings, discussions between the council and Tūpuna Maunga Authority are ongoing.

d. What are the implications for the possible 3000 property owners whose Unitary Plan rights could be affected by these discussions and any agreement that could be reached or has been reached?

The nature of any proposed changes to the volcanic viewshafts and height sensitive areas in the Auckland Unitary Plan and possible impacts on property owners is not yet known. Should a proposed change be made to the Auckland Unitary Plan, the proposed change would be notified so that members of the public can make a submission and present their submission at a hearing.

The decision by Auckland Council to release the information contained in this response was made by John Duguid, General Manager Plans and Places.

We trust this information satisfies your request. Should you believe that we have not dealt with your request appropriately, you have the right in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101, quoting LGOIMA No. 8140006511.

Yours sincerely

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