An update from Housing New Zealand new housing for 185-193 Church Street, Otahuhu

Background
The Housing New Zealand site at 185-193 Church Street, Otahuhu accommodated two one-bedroom houses and three two-bedroom houses.

These homes, built in 1940s, no longer matched demand, did not make the best use of our land, and were not designed to meet the needs of today’s tenants.

So Housing New Zealand is redeveloping the site. We will be replacing the existing houses with modern, healthy, warm, dry homes that support contemporary living and complement the local environment.

What will be built?
Housing New Zealand is building twelve new homes:
• Five two-bedroom properties
• One three-bedroom properties
• Four four-bedroom properties, and
• Two five-bedroom properties

Building twelve homes where there were only five makes the most of the 2,971sqm site and will enable Housing New Zealand to better meet demand for social housing in the area.

The new homes will be designed and built to modern standards and will include double glazing, insulation and modern materials and fittings inside and out. The three, four and five-bedroom homes will have a garage and an off-street parking space while the two-bedroom homes will have a dedicated off-street parking space.
How will the site works be managed?

Auckland Council has granted Housing New Zealand Resource Consent for this development, which has been architecturally designed by Waterfall Gunn Lowes Architects. The homes will be built by Housing New Zealand in collaboration with a construction partner.

Housing New Zealand will aim to minimise any disruption to the neighbourhood caused by construction activity. All site works will be carried out in accordance with Council requirements. These include things like the hours when work can be carried out, where contractors can park their vehicles, and how noise and dust are controlled.

What happens once the project is finished?

Once the new homes are completed, we will match them to eligible people from the social housing register who need a home of the type (two, three, four, five-bedroom) included in the development.

Expected timeline

1. July 2018
   Building works expected to start

2. May 2019
   New homes complete

Questions?

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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