An update from Housing New Zealand new housing for 618-620 Great South Road and 2 Cracroft Street, Otahuhu

Background
The Housing New Zealand site at 618-620 Great South Road and 2 Cracroft Street, Otahuhu accommodated two two-bedroom houses.

These homes, built in 1947, 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’s happening to the existing homes?
The existing houses have been demolished by a Housing New Zealand-appointed demolition company who extracted the homes’ recyclable materials where feasible.

What happens to existing tenants?
Housing New Zealand has a dedicated Tenancy Liaison team that worked closely with tenants who had to move as a result of this redevelopment.

Our Tenancy Liaison Officers help match tenants to suitable alternative housing and support them through their move.

What will be built?
Housing New Zealand is building twenty-eight new homes:

- Twenty-eight one-bedroom properties (which will be serviced by a lift).

Building twenty-eight homes where there were only two makes the most of the 1,632 sqm 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.
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 DesignGroup 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 (one-bedroom) included in the development.

Expected timeline

1. Early 2017
   Work starting to demolish/remove existing homes

2. Mid-late 2018
   Building works expected to start

3. Late 2019
   New homes complete

Questions?
If you have any further questions, please contact:

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