An update from Housing New Zealand new housing for 64 Galway St, Onehunga

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Background
The Housing New Zealand site at 64 Galway St, Onehunga accommodated 34 homes. These homes, built in the 1990’s, 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.

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

What will be built?
Housing New Zealand is building 71 new homes:
- 52 one-bedroom homes
- 19 two-bedroom homes

Building 71 homes where there were only 34 makes the most of the 4965sqm site and will enable Housing New Zealand to better meet demand for social housing in the area.

How will the site works be managed?
Auckland Council has granted Housing New Zealand Resource Consent for this development, which has been architecturally designed. 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 included in the development.

Expected timeline

1. July 2016
   Work starting to demolish/remove existing homes

2. August 2018
   Building works expected to start

3. July 2020
   New homes complete