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Kia ora resident,

### **New public homes planned for 161 & 165 Guys Road & 15 & 17 Cottesmore Place, Huntington Park, Auckland**

I'm getting in touch to let you know that Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities will be purchasing 48 new build units for public housing, once the project is completed by the developer Gemscott – Property Developers (Gemscott) in mid-2024.

#### **Why we need these homes**

Kāinga Ora currently has a small portfolio of just over 420 properties in the Botany subdivision from Botany through to Flat Bush, representing less than 3 percent of all housing in the area and 8 percent of the overall rental market. The new homes in this development therefore provide an opportunity to acquire more public housing for east Auckland in a location that is also ideal for small to medium-sized families due to its proximity to local amenities like Guys Reserve and Huntington Park.

The 48 new homes we will purchase upon completion from Gemscott will be configured across nine blocks and include a community room for residents on the ground floor. There will be a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes as follows:

- 1 bedroom walk-up – 5 homes
- 2 bedroom walk-up – 27 homes
- 3 bedroom walk-up – 12 homes
- 3 bedroom terraces – 4 homes
- Onsite community room – 1 ground floor unit

Our priority is to continue to work with Gemscott to ensure that this new development will not only meet the needs of the people who will live in these homes but also fit into and compliment the wider community as well.

#### **Keeping in touch**

As neighbours in the area, it is important to us that you are kept up to date with what is happening as this development progresses.

If you would like to receive regular project updates via email, please register your contact details with us through emailing [centralandeastakl.region@kaingaora.govt.nz](mailto:centralandeastakl.region@kaingaora.govt.nz) including your full name and address.

As this is a private development, all construction will be managed by Gemscott and Kāinga Ora will take ownership of these new homes once they have been built and the development is complete. If you have any questions, please contact us on 0800 801 601 or through the email address below. Please also find over the page a render drawing of the planned development.

Kind regards,

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Image of new homes planned for 161 & 165 Guys Road & 15 & 17 Cottesmore Place, Huntington Park.