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Tēnā koe,

To help meet the high demand for housing in Te Kuiti, Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities has recently purchased from Waitomo District Council the vacant 3083m² hectare section at Lawrence Street.

Our proposed plans are to deliver around 11-13 new homes for public housing on the site. These modern, warm and dry houses will help provide whānau in need of housing with a place to call home.

What is planned

We are looking to deliver 11-13 new homes for public housing on the site. Most of the homes will be between two and three-bedrooms to help meet demand in the region.

The homes would be fully insulated, with double-glazing, carpets and curtains. Each home would have an easy to maintain landscaped and fenced private section with garden area.

As part of developing the land, we will provide the base infrastructure including a new road and services for the site. This will also have the benefit of helping surrounding landowners to connect to these services and deliver housing on their land.

Who will live in the new homes

Kāinga Ora will match homes to families on the Housing Register. These would be their long term homes, with priority given to those in greatest need of a home, and considering location due to work, whānau, education and other factors. The size of most of the homes means they'll be suitable for small and larger families.

Find out more and next steps

We look forward to arranging a time to meet the team, and sharing further information on our plans in the coming months when we have more detailed plans. Following community engagement, we will look to lodge Resource Consent in the middle of this year, with work expected to start by early 2023. The aim is for the homes to be ready for whānau to move in around mid-2024. We will continue to keep you updated as progress is made.

If you have any questions or feedback, please get in touch with me.

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