

4 May 2020

Kia ora Neighbour,

**Arlington Apartments redevelopment, Mt Cook**

As you may be aware Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities is redeveloping the public housing site which lies between Arlington, Hankey and Hopper streets.

We are leasing the Wellington City Council site for 125 years for this development and plan to build a mix of around 300 modern, warm, dry and fit-for-purpose quality homes, along with amenities that benefit the wider community.

**What's happening**

This letter is to give you a heads up that from mid-May work will start on site to prepare for demolition in July. This preparation work will see our contractors surveying for services such as power, water and gas, and carrying out geotechnical and soil testing.

Work will take place between 7.30am-6pm Monday to Friday and occasional Saturdays. There may be some quiet set-up work between 6.30am-7.30am, and no work will be done on Sundays or public holidays. At times there will be trucks and diggers on site and this will create some noise and dust, and those working will be doing all they can to limit this.

**Keeping everyone safe**

All those working on site will follow strict health and safety standards and protocols to protect themselves, you, and the community, from COVID-19. These cover increased hygiene practices and guidance for site entry and exit, deliveries, visitor protocols and distancing. For safety reasons we ask you do not approach workers onsite but rather contact me if you have any questions.

Fences and hoardings will also be installed to keep people safely away from the work area and a security service will continue to monitor the site. Low risk asbestos – usual for buildings of this age – will also be removed from the site by an accredited asbestos removal company who will ensure its safe and efficient removal, transportation and disposal.

**Online 'meet and greet'**

We're keen to keep well connected with you through this exciting project – and would like to offer the opportunity to meet in a socially distant way with myself and our demolition contractor. We'll be running a Zoom meeting on **Thursday 14 May 2020 at 4.30pm** – please email me at the address below to register and receive meeting details.

**Thanks**

We appreciate your patience as we carry out this work to build much needed public and affordable homes for people in Wellington. If you have any questions or want to know more please contact me on 021 998 724 or 0800 801 601 or email [renee.regal@kaingaora.govt.nz](mailto:renee.regal@kaingaora.govt.nz)

Ngā mihi,

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