

Excerpt from Weekly Report 12 for period ending 31 January 2020

Transitional Housing Development at Wainuiomata

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities is delivering more public housing to meet rising demand and need. Part of this work includes supplying more transitional housing.

As part of this programme, Kāinga Ora is planning to deliver 35 homes, along with a site office and community space on land at Wood Street, Wainuiomata.

A public meeting was held on 22 January 2020, as part of engagement with the community about the transitional housing development at Wood Street, Wainuiomata, to share and discuss changes (based on community feedback) that we have made to plans for the development.

Representatives from the agencies responsible for delivering transitional housing - Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Ministry of Social Development (MSD), presented changes to the development and answered questions. This meeting followed another public information session held in mid-December 2019.

While there remain concerns about the development, which has had some media attention, the changes to the development were generally well received, particularly around the decrease of density. There seemed to be an overall feeling that there is openness to more housing, and understanding of the need. We have also received some positive feedback and support from the community and stakeholders.

The main feedback for us to address now is around the mix of housing which could see permanent public housing alongside transitional housing. This call for a mix of housing is mainly due to the concerns of some in the community with the transitional nature of the accommodation and how people could not put down roots. Ensuring families settle well and get the right level of support was also important to the community.

This feedback has been taken on board and will be discussed with officials shortly.

Another community meeting will be held in February 2020 to provide an update on how plans are progressing, and to signal any changes made that were based on the latest feedback. We will continue to update your office as we progress.

The attached fact sheet was delivered to community on the same day as the community session and provides an overview of changes made to the plans based on community feedback.

Excerpt from Weekly Report 16 for period ending 28 February 2020

Upcoming Transitional Housing engagement activities

We are continuing to plan and carry out a range of communication and engagement activities for our Transitional Housing opportunities. The key planning and delivery activities that are coming up soon include:

- Wood Street, Wainuiomata: A letter will be delivered to the community on 28 February 2020 advising that we will not holding a public meeting this month (as originally signalled) as we are still carrying out work to investigate options for a mixed model for the site. The letter notes that as part of our ongoing planning for the site we are looking at the mix and composition of the homes, and that we are also looking into purchasing the site - these are the main two reasons given for postponing the public meeting.