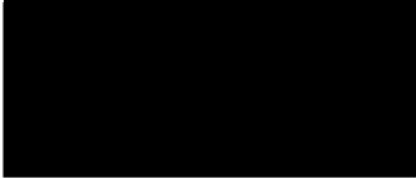


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Thank you for your official information request, which was partially referred to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities on 2 April 2020 by Land Information New Zealand. We have been asked to provide a response to the second part of your request in which you advise that you are:

'... interested in the potential transitional housing villages in Ruakaka and Napier and any reasons why the land identified was not suitable for these.'

With regard to the proposed Transitional Housing Village at Ruakaka, we do not hold any information pertaining to the *'reasons why the land identified was not suitable'*. However, I refer you to the response given in answer to Written Parliamentary Question 40501 (2019) published on the Parliamentary website, which explains that the Ruakaka site did not pass the feasibility stage of the project.

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities advises me that following discussions with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), the Ministry of Social Development, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to lease land set aside for future Treaty of Waitangi settlements from LINZ, it decided not to proceed with its proposed transitional housing development on the corner of Tamingi and Te One Streets, in Ruakaka, Northland.

As a developer, Kāinga Ora carefully considers the feasibility of every proposal before committing to it. While some proposals pass the feasibility stage to procurement and contracting, others like the Ruakaka site do not.

At the time Kāinga Ora made its decision regarding the Ruakaka site, a notification letter and factsheet had been sent to residents surrounding the proposed development. However, Kāinga Ora had not formally engaged with local businesses or service providers.

With regard to your inquiry about Napier, we have understood that you are referring to the Transitional Housing Village at Taradale Road. In regards to this site, Kāinga Ora is in the early stages of looking at different options for how the vacant land at 5a Taradale Road can be best used to meet urgent housing demand in the area. While we consider our options, we have withdrawn the current resource consent application.

We also have plans to develop approximately 30 more family homes across three sites in the suburb of Maraenui, Napier for transitional housing.

Yours sincerely



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