

## Laura Bowman

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**From:** Official Information  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 September 2022 10:07 am  
**To:** 7(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Official Information  
**Subject:** Final Response - LGOIMA 280126 - 7(2)(a) - the Richard Knott Limited report

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

**Your Request 1:**

How much did the Hamilton City Council pay in total for Mr Richard Knott (Richard Knott Limited) to prepare his report presented as Appendix 9 Historic Heritage Area in the Plan Change 9 documentation?

**Our Response 1:**

Hamilton City Council paid \$90,316.14 (plus GST) for this report.

**Your Request 2:**

How many hours in total did Mr Knott spend doing this project?

**Our Response 2:**

Mr Knott spent 466.75 hours completing this project

**Your Request 3:**

Did Mr Knott have a line item in any of his invoices that shows how much, if anything, he spent on researching property titles during the period he was working on this report?

**Our Response 3:**

There is no specific line item in any of the invoices stating the work as researching property titles during the period Richard Knott was working on this report. The nature of the line item as 'Assessments' includes a range of works, which includes background research, the detailed assessment of the areas and the development of appendices 2 and 3 of the report.

Please see the following general breakdown of total hours of the majority of tasks for the project below:

Task	Hours
Report development – including methodology and criterion development, extent and boundaries development and mapping development	138
Assessments (including background research and development of appendix 2 and 3 of the report)	138.75
Site visits	154.5
Meetings and discussions with Council – including peer review	31

**Your Request 4:**

Is the Hamilton City Council happy with the quality of the report in terms of presentation of information, lack of mistakes, typographical errors and unfinished work? In particular I am interested in what the Hamilton City Council thinks of a comment on page 151 under the heading Marshall Street - West end - East end see Yeats Crescent where Mr Knott comments "Some buildings may be railway cottages forming block with those in Oxford Street (Needs to be checked)".

**Our Response 4:**

Hamilton City Council is bound by the principles of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 to release information which we hold. We are not obligated to form an opinion or create information in response to a request. As such, we are refusing this aspect of your request as this does not meet the standard of "information held".

**Your Request 5:**

Did anyone in the Hamilton City Council check this themselves or check that Mr Knott had checked this out before accepting the report and imposing an HHA entitled "Oxford Street (East) and Marshall Street Railway Cottages"?

**Our Response 5:**

All reports as part of the notification of Plan Change 9 went through standard QA process. Council and the heritage expert as the author of the HHA report are of the view the description of the title is suitable in the context of the HHA report.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: 7(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 31 August 2022 9:19 am

To: Jamie Sirl <[Jamie.Sirl@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:Jamie.Sirl@hcc.govt.nz)>

Cc: PlanChange <[PlanChange@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:PlanChange@hcc.govt.nz)>

Subject: Request under Section 10 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Hello Mr Sirl, I am making a further request under Section 10 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) for the following information:

1. How much did the Hamilton City Council pay in total for Mr Richard Knott (Richard Knott Limited) to prepare his report presented as Appendix 9 Historic Heritage Area in the Plan Change 9 documentation?

2. How many hours in total did Mr Knott spend doing this project?

3. Did Mr Knott have a line item in any of his invoices that shows how much, if anything, he spent on researching property titles during the period he was working on this report?

4. Is the Hamilton City Council happy with the quality of the report in terms of presentation of information, lack of mistakes, typographical errors and unfinished work? In particular I am interested in what the Hamilton City Council thinks of a comment on page 151 under the heading Marshall Street - West end - East end see Yeats Crescent where Mr Knott comments "Some buildings may be railway cottages forming block with those in Oxford Street (Needs to be checked)".

5. Did anyone in the Hamilton City Council check this themselves or check that Mr Knott had checked this out before accepting the report and imposing an HHA entitled "Oxford Street (East) and Marshall Street Railway Cottages"?

Regards

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