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To: 7(2)(a)
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Subject: Final Response - LGOIMA 287681 - update on the new Peacocke (Hamilton) Southern Links Access road works

Importance: High

Kia Ora,

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

You have asked the following questions. A follow up email seeking further information on the specific location was sent and the further information added to your questions in *italics*.

Your Request 1:

Please provide an update on the new Peacocke (Hamilton) Southern Links Access roading works *below the western side of the future Peacocke sports park land, where the old Ken Davies quarry pit used to be?*

The above works have been underway for some time. 7(2)(a)

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Our Response 1:

The work you refer to are a part of the North/South Arterial transport corridor and include construction of an earth embankment (the works you've seen) so the future road is at the correct height to cross the gully network. After placement of the fill material, a settlement period needs to be completed to observe any settlement patterns and this is currently in progress. Once the settlement period has passed, typically 6-9 months from beginning, works to topsoil and stabilize the exposed areas will be completed as part of the current contract under way. Also, a pedestrian (walking and cycling) bridge with underslung wastewater pipes will be constructed across the gully system, beginning next year.

Your Request 2:

Does this mean that part of the works have been halted? If so, please explain why?

Our Response 2:

A required settlement period is currently being observed of the earth embankment following placement. Works will continue once this has met settlement criteria.

Your Request 3:

Please also advise when this project is due for completion?

Our Response 3:

The works undertaken by HEB construction (the works you have seen to date) are expected to finish late 2023. The further project to construct pedestrian paths and bridge with wastewater pipes is expected to start in 2023 and finish in approximately 2025.

Your Request 4:

Will this mean that new developments can take place in the area after completion of this roading?

Our Response 4:

Development can take place in Peacocke area once the necessary infrastructure is compete, and all new development proposals will be assessed against the relevant regulatory instruments at the time, including the District Plan. This will include whether the necessary infrastructure is available. The new Waikato Bridge and connecting road to Peacockes Road provides key strategic infrastructure to parts of Peacocke. Developers are expected to provide appropriate local infrastructure connecting to the strategic network.

Further questions you raised during further correspondence:

Your Request 5:

When does Council and/or New Zealand Transport Agency expect the southern links road to connect to the Hamilton airport area will be completed?

Our Response 5:

It is assumed you are referring to the North/South Arterial road. Some enabling works are being undertaken, as part of the current works, for this route however construction of the actual road is not funded or being delivered as part of the current works. The corridor is being utilised for waters and active mode connectivity until the North/South Arterial road is built. The Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency section, south of the city to the airport, is also not within the current works.

Your Request 6:

Do you know will Council allow new developments to take place in the proposed new Peacockes area (subject to Plan Change 5 being made operative) when the new Waikato Bridge and connecting road to Peacockes Road is completed?

Our Response 6:

Answer provided in **Answer 4** above.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind Regards,

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