Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

1.     On Sunday, October 2, 2022, a residents' advocacy group was established called the Guardians of Claudelands (GOC) in Hamilton.

2.     Its purpose is to advocate for, protect and enhance the historic heritage neighbourhood of Claudelands.

3.     **GOC wishes to have confirmed whether Hamilton City Council is in communication with any party about potential development of housing on Sonning Car Park in River Road, Claudelands**

4.     **If yes, who is that party, when did HCC commence those discussions, and what is the likely development being discussed?**


**Our response:**

3. <u>GOC wishes to have confirmed whether Hamilton City Council is in communication with any party about potential development of housing on Sonning Car Park in River Road, Claudelands?</u>

Hamilton City Council is continuing to investigate options for the future development of the Sonning Carpark site.  This investigative work includes discussions with parties intended to determine their interest in future development of the site.

4. <u>If yes, who is that party, when did HCC commence those discussions, and what is the likely development being discussed?</u>

Hamilton City Council is currently talking to two parties. Discussions over the future development of the site have been ongoing over many years. At this stage the content of the discussions is commercially sensitive – however the intention is to determine the level of their interest and possible scope of future development.

We have decided to refuse your request under the following section(s) of LGOIMA.

- s 7(2)(b)(ii) – Protect information where the making available of the information…would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

- s 7(2)(i) – enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

Sonning carpark will be discussed at a Ordinary Council meeting on the 7 September 2023 at 9:30 am please see here, the agenda will be up 3 days before the meeting date.

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.

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