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**To:** s7(2)(a)  
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**Subject:** LGOIMA request - s7(2)(a) - Grandview Heights  
**Date:** Wednesday, 1 November 2023 9:58:56 am  
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council s7(2)(a) the following response.

**Your request:**

*I am writing to express my strong support for the construction of a playground in the Grandview Heights neighbourhood. s7(2)(a)*

*s7(2)(a), I have witnessed firsthand the need for a safe and accessible place for children to play.*

*Our neighbourhood is full of children of all ages, but there is no playground within walking distance. The nearest playground is 1.2 kilometres away, which is too far for many children to walk safely. This means that many children in our neighbourhood are forced to stay inside on their electronics and of course, that is very unhealthy.*

*A playground would provide a safe and fun place for children to play and socialise. It would also help to promote physical activity and healthy living. Studies have shown that children who play regularly are more likely to be healthy and fit, and they also tend to perform better in school.*

*In addition to the benefits for children, a playground would also be a valuable asset to the Grandview Heights community as a whole. Additionally, it would foster a sense of unity and create a gathering place for neighbours to connect and build relationships. It would also provide a gathering place for families and friends, and it would help to create a more vibrant and livable neighbourhood.*

*I believe that the best location for a playground in the Grandview Heights neighbourhood is s7(2)(a). This property is currently vacant and is located in a central location within the neighbourhood. It is also close to a preschool and a park, making it a convenient place for families to visit.*

*This property is large enough to accommodate a variety of play equipment, and it is also relatively flat. There are also several mature trees on the property, which would provide shade for children on hot days.*

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*I urge you to consider this property as a potential location for a playground. I believe that it would be a great asset to the Grandview Heights community.*

*I urge you to consider the construction of a playground in the Grandview Heights neighbourhood. It would be a great investment in the future of our community.*

**Our response:**

Thank for your query on the construction of a new playground in the Grandview Heights

neighbourhood.

As discussed, in our phone call unfortunately there is no funding allocated to the development of a new playground in the Grandview Heights area in the current Long-Term Plan (2021-2031).

We agree that it is important to get outside and play, and we are continuously striving to deliver a playground network which provides fair opportunities to play for all our communities. We recognise there may be some challenges for your family and community with accessing a playground nearby. However, building a new playground is a big investment so we cannot consider the development of a new playground unless there is a clearly identified need for that community.

The Long-Term Plan sets out Council's priorities. It includes detailed information on the activities, services, and projects we intend to deliver, which dictates what the proposed rates and debt will be for the next 10 years. Council is in the process of shaping the next Long-Term Plan (2024-2034) which will set out the priorities for the next 10 years.

If you feel strongly that we should develop a playground at 53-61 Farnborough Drive, your best avenue is to make a submission through the Long-Term Plan process. As discussed, I would suggest that you take some time to gather more voices from your local community to include in your submission as that will provide greater evidence of the need for a playground in the Grandview Heights area.

You will have a chance to have your say about our plans for the next 10 years, during the consultation process of the Long-Term Plan which is happening next year. You will hear more from us about the Long-Term Plan in due course – we encourage you to share your voice then.

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.

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**Sent:** Saturday, 14 October 2023 12:08 pm

**To:** Official Information <[officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** OIA Request - HCC-OIA-231014-QR7PA



## We've received a request for you.

This request was received on 14 October 2023 @ 12:08PM.

Here's your reference number and the request details:

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HCC-OIA-231014-QR7PA

**Name**

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**Email**

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**Phone number**

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**Detailed description of request**

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

s7(2)(a)

**Organisation**

**Attachments**

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