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Thank you for your email of 8 July 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could you tell me who owns the land, is it crown? And exactly what is the ministry of Housing doing in this project.

I can confirm the Crown holds the land for State housing purposes under the Housing Act 1955. Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's (the Ministry) role is to facilitate the development of the site for housing, consistent with the terms of:

- the Housing Act 1955, which sets out a statutory scheme that applies to land held for State housing and, among other things, sets out the role of the Minister of Housing as a decision-maker on land gazetted under section 2A of the Housing Act, which has been completed for the site titles;¹
- the Crown's Treaty settlement obligations, which are contained in the Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Deed² and Redress Act³, including the commercial redress provisions in Part 7 of the Property Schedule of the Deed which contains the Department of Building and Housing Protocol administered by the Ministry, and the Mahi Ngatahi Agreement with the iwi Collective which was negotiated in parallel with the government's establishment of the Crown Land Development Programme;⁴ and
- under the parameters of the government's Land for Housing Programme, which expanded on the Crown Land Development Programme.⁵

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

¹ legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1955/0051/latest/whole.html

² www.tearawhiti.govt.nz/te-kahui-whakatau-treaty-settlements/find-a-treaty-settlement/tamaki-makaurau/

³ www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2014/0052/latest/DLM5322320.html?src=qs

⁴ www.beehive.govt.nz/release/crown-iwi-agreement-auckland-housing-programme

⁵ www.hud.govt.nz/our-work/land-for-housing

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fiona Coughlan', with a stylized, flowing script.

Fiona Coughlan

Manager Land Acquisition and Development

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development