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Dear Max

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 26 May 2025 asking for copies of communications involving Council Officers and third parties about the 'Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori' (SASM) chapter of the Proposed District Plan, including references to SASM-R4, building restrictions, and specific sites. Specifically, you asked:

We request all communications between Council Officers, and between Council Officers and third parties that relate to the provisions of the SASM chapter of the Proposed Plan (including any earlier draft versions) and that refer or allude to:

- a) SASM-R4; Restrictions on new buildings, and/or additions or alterations to existing buildings;
- b) Imposition of differential restrictions on new buildings/structures, and/or additions or alterations to existing buildings/structures based on whether a given activity meets or exceeds a particular square metre threshold (including, but not limited to, a square metre threshold of 200m<sup>2</sup>);
- c) Imposition of differential restrictions on new buildings, and/or additions or alterations to existing buildings based on the zone in which the property is located;
- d) Hikoikoi Management Ltd;
- e) Hutt Section 19; Te Whiti Park;
- f) and/or 172 White Lines East.

**Answer:**

In recent weeks, the Council has proactively published responses to official information requests related to SASM. These are available on the Council's website under the 'Proactive releases' section: [Proactive releases | Hutt City Council](#). Several of these may be relevant to your request. You can find them listed under the '2025' heading, in a dedicated section titled 'SASM/District Plan Requests,' which includes the response to your request dated 16 May 2025.

Further to this, there are no further communications that refer to or mention:

- SASM-R4,
- Restrictions on new buildings, and/or additions or alterations to existing buildings,
- Imposition of differential restrictions on new buildings/structures, and/or additions or alterations to existing buildings/structures based on whether a given activity meets or exceeds a particular square metre threshold (including, but not limited to, a square metre threshold of 200m<sup>2</sup>),
- Imposition of differential restrictions on new buildings, and/or additions or alterations to existing buildings based on the zone in which the property is located,
- Hutt Section 19,
- Te Whiti Park, and/or
- 172 White Lines East.

Therefore, these parts of your request are refused in full under section 17(e) of the LGOMA as the information does not exist.

In response to your question regarding Hikoikoi Management Limited, we can confirm that there are no communications relating to the provisions of the SASM chapter that refer to or mention Hikoikoi Management Limited.

However, representatives of Hikoikoi Management Limited have participated in Council's engagement with Mana Whenua during the development of the SASM chapter, including by providing advice on the identification of sites and areas of significance. This advice has been released in response to earlier information requests and is available on the Council's website as part of the proactive releases mentioned above.

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

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases | Hutt City Council](#)

Yours sincerely

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