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Dear Chris

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

We refer to your official information request dated 31 March 2025:

*“Please supply all official information relating to the s32 analysis for Sites of Significance to Maori and Highly Productive Land – proposed District Plan.*

*This includes all memos, emails, policy papers, meeting minutes, drafts of the s32 analysis, feedback on the drafts and council agenda papers.”*

**Answer:**

**1. Highly Productive Land**

The s32 analysis for Highly Productive Land is included in the *Section 32 Evaluation – Rural Zones* report found [here](#).

The agendas and minutes of the District Plan Review Committee meetings are available on the Council’s website [here](#). Papers on Highly Productive Land were presented at the following meetings:

- 15 December 2020 (a paper on Rural Zones was presented to the District Plan Review Subcommittee, the predecessor of the District Plan Review Committee. The paper is part of the agenda for this meeting, which is available through the link above)

- 4 May 2023 (Meeting regarding Rural chapters. Minutes available through the link above)
- 18 October 2023 and 29 February 2024 (Meeting regarding the Draft District Plan and summary of engagement on the Draft District Plan. Minutes available through the link above)
- 3 October 2024 (Meeting regarding Rural Zones and Highly Productive Land. Minutes available through the link above)
- 4 December 2024 (Section 32 Evaluation Reports were endorsed at both the District Plan Review Committee meeting and Council meeting. Minutes available through the link above)

Other documents in relation to this s32 analysis are:

- An initial scoping report for the Rural Zones part of the District Plan Review (Please refer to attachment 1 of the response. Please note that this is a draft document only)
- An internal file note titled "Mapping Highly Productive Land in the District Plan". (Please refer to attachment 2 of the response)

## **2. Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori**

The Section 32 analysis for Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori is in the report titled *Section 32 Evaluation – Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori*, found [here](#).

The agendas and minutes of the District Plan Review Committee meetings are available on the Council's website [here](#). The relevant committee meetings where Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori were discussed were:

- 6 December 2021 (Meeting on Mana Whenua/Tangata Whenua. Minutes available through the link above)
- 10 August 2023 (Meeting on historical and cultural values. Minutes available through the link above)
- 18 October 2023 and 29 February 2024 (Meeting regarding the Draft District Plan and summary of engagement on the Draft District Plan. Minutes available through the link above)
- 2 May 2024 (An update on Te Ao Māori zones and chapters was given at the meeting. Minutes available through the link above)
- 4 December 2024 (the District Plan Review Committee meeting and Council meeting. Minutes available through the link above).

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Yours sincerely

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