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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 07/12/2020. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

This is a request for information regarding the Trackside Village at 91 Mako Mako Road, Levin (the "Village").

We understand that the Village has its own stormwater system that is not connected to the Council's assets, and that the separate system was transferred to the Council with the understanding residents would not be charged for the same. We have been told that the Council is now in fact collecting a targeted rate in relation to the same assets.

Could you please provide me some the necessary information to confirm this, or otherwise? Was there a system build (or paid for) by the Village, and was this transferred? If so:

1. What is the justification for applying the rate?

The stormwater system was constructed by the developers of Trackside Villas project and has not been vested to Council. The stormwater system remains in private ownership and the owners are responsible for its operation and maintenance.

In the 2015/2016 rating year, Council resolved to separate out Stormwater from Rooding. From this rating year, a new targeted rate for Stormwater based on Capital Value was introduced for all properties that were classified as urban. The properties at the village fell within this classification and have been charged the Stormwater rate.

2. Please provide a breakdown of the income received from the targeted rate applied to the Village, against all expenditure on the relevant stormwater system.

A summary of the income received from the targeted rates applied to the Village against the direct cost expenditure for district wide Stormwater is shown below.

Trackside Village Stormwater Rate		
Rating Year	Stormwater \$ Rates Collected for Trackside Village	Stormwater District Wide Direct Expenditure
2016	9,476	264,261
2017	10,040	235,429
2018	9,947	308,939
2019	9,377	181,693
2020	10,980	447,930

If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact Nicki Brady, Group Manager Communities, Partnerships and Business on 06 366 0999 or email - nickib@horowhenua.govt.nz

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Yours sincerely,



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