

Reference Number: 2025/1287

15 September 2025



Thank you for your email dated 26 August 2025 requesting information relating to plan change 6A under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

Could I please request a breakdown of all costs associated with proposed plan change 6A, including any spend on external consultants, reports, and a breakdown of FTE staff costs (e.g., time spent on plan change 6A).

In terms of staff time, the breakdown is as follows:

A total of approximately 370 hours of Council staff time has been spent on Proposed Plan Change 6A (PC6A). This is comprised of meetings, communications, reviewing external reports, providing technical guidance, transitioning the proposed plan provisions into National Planning Standards template (to fit with the rest of our District Plan format) and work on the submission and further submissions processes.

This equates to \$23,489.75 of Council officer salary costs. It should also be noted that there is no overhead component to the figure given above – this is just salary cost.

This is our best estimate of time spent on the project in the period April 2022 – current and as stated does not include any overhead component.

In addition, Council has spent the following on external consultant input (these costs include GST):

Stormwater soakage testing calculation review:	\$4,519.50
Stormwater report review and mediation:	\$6,624.95
"Friend of the Submitter Service:	\$3,018.30
Total	\$14,162.75

This means that total Council cost so far is: \$37,652.50

It is important that we make it clear that this application came to Council as a Private Plan Change, with Council adopting the Plan Change on 30 October 2024. As such, much of the cost of preparing the plan change, including drafting provisions, commission of expert

reports, and option analysis would have been borne by the applicant(s) and are therefore not accounted for in the Council figures above.

Could I also please request any analysis or estimates of how much additional housing plan change 6A may have enabled?

The Assessment of Effects report submitted in support of the application estimated that the proposed growth area could yield 400 additional dwellings. The information submitted with the Plan Change is available here <https://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/PPC6A> .

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact David McCorkindale (Group Manager Community Vision and Development) on davidbm@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi | Best regards



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