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Thank you for your phone call on 26 October 2020 and subsequent email of 6 November 2020 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Referral application documents for:

- Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village and
- Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village

In line with section 25 of the Fast Track Consenting Act 2020, the Ministry will soon proactively release all application briefings to the Minister for the Environment, associated appendices (including the application documents) and cabinet papers.

This material is expected to be published on the Ministry website in the next four to six working weeks.

Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information will soon be publicly available.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest, under this Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on its website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

This response has been approved electronically by Keita Kohere

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