

7 April 2026

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2026-24**

Thank you for your email of Sunday 22 March 2026 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

*"I am writing to enquire about the recent sale or tender outcome for the building that houses Number [REDACTED] Gallery on Holloway Street. As a devoted supporter of the gallery, I am very interested in understanding who the successful purchaser is and what their intentions may be for the property.*

*Number [REDACTED] Gallery plays an important role in our local arts community, and there is currently a great deal of uncertainty among the gallery's workers, artists, and supporters. Naturally, this lack of clarity is creating concern about the gallery's future.*

*Could you please provide any available information regarding:*

- *The successful buyer of the building*
- *Any known plans for the property*
- *Whether the gallery is expected to remain in the space, and for how long*

*Any insight you can share would be greatly appreciated, as it will help provide reassurance and enable the community to better understand what lies ahead."*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act). My response to your request is in the order of your request below.

***The successful buyer of the building***

Your request for information of the successful buyer of the building that houses Number [REDACTED] Gallery on Holloway Street has been withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act - to protect information where the making available of the information would likely be unreasonable to

prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

***Any known plans for the property***

All we can disclose at this point in time is that it is an independent supermarket operator, and that they will be creating employment in the area once operational.

***Whether the gallery is expected to remain in the space, and for how long***

The agent for the purchaser has advised that they are considering month-to-month contracts after settlement/take over date.

As required under section 7(1) of the Act, I have had regard to the public interest considerations favouring the release of the information withheld. I consider that the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information is not sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Please note, the Council proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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