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Dear Sara

Request for Information

I refer to your letter of 27 October 2011 requesting information on Council's earthquake prone policy.

Please find attached the following information:

- 1. Council's Earthquake Prone Building Policy 2006.
- 2. Decision of Council's Environment Committee meeting of 5 May 2011 instigating a review of Council's 2006 policy and Committee agenda report.
- 3. Decision of Council's Environment Committee meeting of 28 July 2011 and Committee agenda report.

At the Committee meeting of 28 July 2011 a number of issues were raised which resulted in a decision to review Council's policy. This was a direct result of the Canterbury Earthquakes. Council is currently seeking legal advice on whether for example it is possible to require building owners to upgrade their building to a higher level than 34% of the current building code. Hopefully the Council decisions and agenda item cover the issues you require.

Yours sincerely

ANDREW BESLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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