

Date: 21 December 2021 Our Ref: RFI3694 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

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Information Governance Team Homes England Windsor House – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor 50 Victoria Street London SW1H oTL

Dear

### RE: Request for Information – RFI3694

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

I would like to know whether Homes England has ever received any communications in any form from Conor Burns MP, supporting any of the grants confirmed to The Swaythling Housing Society/Platinum Skies (AHHG) as per the list below? If there have been communications, or logs of calls or minutes of meetings, I would like to see a copy of them.

I would also like to know whether Conor Burns MP has ever met formally or informally any of the current executives of Homes England or those who have been in an executive role over the past five years?

Local		Developing			Grant Confirmation	Funding	Home
Authority	Lead Partner	Organisation	Scheme Description	Heading		(£)	s
Bournemouth,		Platinum					
Christchurch	The Swaythling Housing	Skies Living	PSL - Mount Road (Vista) 10 Mount Road				
and Poole	Society Limited	Limited	(Vista) Mount Road Poole BH14 oQW	AFFHO	17/07/2019	980,000	35
Bournemouth,		PLATINUM					
Christchurch	The Swaythling Housing	SKIES	PSL - Monterey Christchurch				
and Poole	Society Limited	LIVING	(Revised) Christchurch BH23 2UG	AFFHO	20/12/2017	1,140,000	30
Bournemouth,		Platinum					
Christchurch	The Swaythling Housing	Skies Living	PSL - Keel House (Espirit) -				
and Poole	Society Limited	Limited	Revised Poole BH15 1EA	AFFHO	14/02/2018	1,400,000	50
		Platinum	PSL - Former Sherbourne Hotel				
	The Swaythling Housing	Skies Living	(Revised). Former Sherborne Hotel				
Dorset	Society Limited	Limited	Horsecastles Lane Sherborne DT9 6BB	AFFHO	20/03/2018	4,602,000	118
Somerset		Platinum	PSL - Quantock House Taunton				
West and	The Swaythling Housing	Skies Living	(Revised) Quantock House Paul Street				
Taunton	Society Limited	Limited	Taunton TA1 3PB	AFFHO	26/03/2018	2,142,000	51
		Platinum					
	The Swaythling Housing	Skies Living	PSL - Old Manor (Revised). Old Manor				
Wiltshire	Society Limited	Limited	Wilton Road Salisbury SP2 7EP	AFFHO	28/02/2018	5,117,000	119
						15,381,000	368



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## <u>Response</u>

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with the following Homes England teams:

- Affordable Housing Team (and specifically the project manager for The Swaythling Housing Society)
- Government Relations Team (who are responsible for MP correspondence)
- Executive Office Team

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1

#### Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that Homes England does not have record of any communications with the named individual regarding these schemes. Support or engagement with MPs is not required as part of any application to Homes England Affordable Housing products.

#### **Right to Appeal**

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

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You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

## https://ico.org.uk/

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

**The Information Governance Team** For Homes England