



Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

22 October 2015

Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 23 September 2015 requesting the following information:

Can you tell me please; would you, as the regulator hold copies of "intra-group Agreements" (Between "members" of a group of Registered Social Landlords)? - [In particular where pursuant to those agreements, one landlord is obliged to transfer ownership of rental units to another landlord (subject to a section 9 consent)]

The Landlords in question are Sovereign Housing Association Limited and The Vale Housing Association Limited (they merged in 2011 I think).

The Contracts in question are from 2007 / 2008.

Sovereign Housing Association Limited appear to have entered into an agreement in 2007 with The Vale Housing Association Limited by which Vale Housing Association would purchase 840 properties from Sovereign Housing Association in April 2008. Sovereign Housing Association will have obtained consent for the disposal of properties prior to April 2008 - This would have been done pursuant to the agreement signed in 2007.

Do you as Regulator hold a copy of that 2007 contract for the disposal of 840 rented units?

Do you hold a copy of the relevant Application for consent to dispose of the 840 units including the schedule of 840 properties?

Information not held

We have now had the opportunity to investigate your request and we are writing to inform you that we do not hold any of the information you have requested above. We have searched all our records and have no Intra-group agreements for Sovereign Housing Association Ltd or The Vale Housing Association Ltd or the consent to dispose application.

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

Email: mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk

Mail: Information Access Officer
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If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

Head of Legal Services
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at

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Yours sincerely

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