



Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 5 June 2015 requesting information on the Bottle Yard, Bristol. For ease of reference your request is below:

I am looking for information on Homes and Community Agency's annual payments (loans, grants included) to the Bottle Yard Studios in Bristol.

1) *Please could you provide data on:*

a Total funds (GBP £) received by 'The Bottle Yard Studios' from the Homes and Community Agency (including via loans/grants) between FY10/11 and latest available data. If available, and within the scope (cost) of this request, please provide a breakdown of this amount by year.

b. Please provide information on how much (in GBP £) of these total payments (as outlined in Q1) were paid for infrastructure and running costs? If available, and within the scope (cost) of this request, please provide a breakdown of this amount by year.

c. Total funds (GBP £) received by 'The Bottle Yard Studios' from all publicly-funded bodies [aside from the Homes and Community Agency] (including via loans/grants) between FY10/11 and latest available data to date. If available, and within the scope (cost) of this request, please provide a breakdown of this amount by year.

d. Please provide information on how much (in GBP £) of these total payments (as outlined in Q2) were paid for infrastructure and running costs? If available, and within the scope (cost) of this request, please provide a breakdown of this amount by year.

2) *In May 2015, Bristol Film Office published a report: Bristol production industry generates £17.5million for local economy (May 2015 - <http://www.filmbristol.co.uk/news>):*

a. Please provide an explanation of how this figure was calculated. What evidence does HCA/Bristol Film Office have that filming in Bristol brought in total inward investment for 2014/15 of £17.4 million.

We have now had the opportunity to investigate your request and are writing to inform you that the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) does not have responsibility for the running, or the creation, of the Bottle Yard Studios (Bottleyard). Therefore we are unable to provide you with most of the information you have requested. However we can provide you with a summary of the HCA's involvement and also the contact details for Bristol City Council (BCC) who does have responsibility for this site. You may wish to re-submit your request to them and their details are at the end of this letter.

Summary

Since last year the HCA has fully engaged with the project BCC own the land and manage the scheme. Part of the site is known as Constellation but only uses the main office block on site and the rest of the accommodation is used by Bottleyard.

The film studio known as Bottleyard was set up by BCC in 2009. In 2009 SWERDA provided a further grant of £15,000.

In August 2012 HCA provided grant of £490,000 to carry out works.

We can therefore confirm that, in response to part of question 1a) above, no loans or grants were provided by the HCA to Bottleyard during the financial year 2010-11. All further enquiries, or if you wish to re-submit your request, should be directed to BCC at via their website [here](#) or their postal address below.

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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:

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Yours sincerely

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