Homes & Communities Agency

Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

12 March 2015

Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 12 February 2015 requesting the following information:

Using the Freedom of Information Act 2000, would it be possible to request a list of the relevant emails of every local housing authority in England and Wales.

We have now had the opportunity to investigate your request and are writing to communicate our response. A local housing authority would be the council responsible for housing in a relevant area. This may be a borough council or a county council depending on their status. We do not keep a list of all councils that are housing authorities.

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) is the national housing and regeneration agency for England and Wales as well as the Social Housing Regulator. The information held by HCA is only that which we need for the purposes of meeting our organisational, statutory and regulatory objectives. We do not hold information for the areas of the UK outside England and Wales, and we only hold information of housing associations that are registered as providers of social housing (known as Registered Providers (RPs)). We have some local contacts who are housing authorities we have worked with because they have applied for HCA funding. However, whilst we work closely with a number of organisations across England and Wales, we do not hold a central directory of all email addresses for every local housing authority. The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) may hold such a lost as the Department responsible for local authorities and housing.

As we do not have a central directory of organisations email addresses are unable to assist you. You may wish to re-submit your request to them so we have provided you with their contact details below.

Mail: Knowledge & Information Access Team Department for Communities and Local Government 2nd floor NW, Fry Building 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

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0300 1234 500 homesandcommunities.co.uk

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Whilst the HCA does not hold a directory of email addresses we do publish a list of all RPs and their registered company address. This can be found on our website <u>here</u> and enables the public to contact each RP to gain their email contact addresses.

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 Homes and Communities Agency Fry Building 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

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 Homes and Communities Agency Fry Building 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

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

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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