



Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

30 April 2015

Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 13 April 2015 requesting information on the Shirebrook Colliery Site. For ease of reference your request is below:

“-Please can you provide information on the amount of public funding which was spent on regeneration and development to attract a major employee (Sports Direct) to the Shirebrook Colliery site, after the pit shut in 1993.

-When did Sports Direct locate to the site?”

We can confirm that a total of £38,916,625 was invested through the National Coalfields Programme by East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA), acting as delivery agents to English Partnerships.

The above sum was invested in demolition and reclamation of the former pit head area and spoil heaps to create general employment areas, and included reclamation to form landscaped areas for onward disposal to the Land Trust. These works included the provision of highways, drainage and services infrastructure.

This resulted in 30 hectares of employment land and opened up adjoining Greenfield land which could provide for up to 1,000 homes. A planning application to this effect was submitted in 2000 and subsequently granted to enable the works to commence in 2001.

Following marketing and advertisement by EMDA, Sports Direct (formerly Sports World) acquired part of the employment land from EMDA in 2005 and commenced their operations on the site later that year. Following transfer of the land to the Homes and Communities Agency in August 2011, further land was sold to Sports Direct as their operations in Shirebrook have grown.

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
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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
Homes and Communities Agency
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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

Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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