



Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 20 January 2017 requesting information on Kingsway Business Park. For ease we have answered each of your questions separately below:

1. How much public money from the Home and Communities Agency has been spent on the Kingsway Business Park in Rochdale to date?

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), together with its predecessor body the North West Development Agency, have spent £51,707,327 on the Kingsway Business Park (the Park) project.

2. How much public money from the European Regional Development Fund has been spent on the Kingsway Business Park to date?

£7,535,754 of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) under the Northwest of England Objective 2 Programme from 2000-2006 was spent.

3. How many jobs have been created at the site to date?

a) Of these how many are categorised as highly skilled jobs?

b) Of these how many are categorised as low-skilled jobs?

There are currently nine businesses at the Park employing staff. These are ASDA, Source BioScience, Takeuchi, Edmund Bell, E-ON, JD Sports, Wireless CCTV, CR Laurence and Greene King. As with any commercial site, this is subject to change.

Circa 2,200 jobs have been created across the Kingsway Business Park, but this is subject to seasonal variation from the various occupiers at the Park (by as much as 600 additional jobs). Please note these figures are estimates, and were collected in mid to late summer 2016 from the various businesses at the Park. There is no formal requirement on the businesses at the Park to provide this information to the Rochdale

Development Agency or the HCA and the figures are offered by the businesses on a voluntary basis. These should not be assumed to be full time equivalents and this breakdown does not distinguish between high skilled and low skilled jobs.

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
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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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Online: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/>

Yours sincerely

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