

Date: 04/01/19
Our Ref: RFI2574
Your Ref: FOI Request – 42 Portland Drive
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



Homes
England

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By Email Only

Windsor House
50 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0TL

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI2574

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

1. Confirmation whether Homes England, or formerly The Homes and Communities Agency, gave written consent to the new owner in 2017/2018 to demolish the existing dwelling and construct a new, three-storey dwelling (as required in the covenants);
2. Confirmation whether Homes England was aware that the new owner had demolished the existing bungalow and built a new, three-storey dwelling (which was previously not allowed by the CNT as this property was only allowed to be a single-storey);
3. Copies of all agreements, conveyances, restrictive covenants or notes that are held by Homes England relating to the above property;
4. Confirmation about Homes England's policy relating to allowing re-development on land formerly owned by the CNT in Milton Keynes (many of which were self-build plots with very specific design requirements that were designed to be retained by the CNT and Milton Keynes Development Corporation);
5. Confirmation whether Homes England still owns any land around the above property (in Willen).

Response

We are able to confirm that we do hold some of the information as requested within the scope of your request. We will address each of your point in turn below.

1) We are able to confirm that we do not hold any information relating to this part of your request. Please note that this does not mean that consent was neither granted nor denied but that we have checked with the appropriate departments and no record of written consent is on file.

2) We are able to confirm that we do not hold any information relating to this part of your request.

3) We are able to confirm that we hold a conveyance, which is enclosed that may be of assistance to you.

We can confirm that we have searched our archives and we only hold the conveyance (enclosed) and a few documents relating to 24 Portland Drive which falls outside the scope of your request.

4) We are able to confirm that our policy (in general) is to rely on the local planning process to objectively consider the impact of any redevelopment proposal put forward by property owners and only providing consent subject to planning approval being secured.

5) We are able to confirm that we do not own any land around 42 Portland Drive.

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Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

The Information Access Team
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You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team
For Homes England