

Date: 01/02/19
Our Ref: RFI2585
Your Ref: FOI Request – Plot No.11 Pilgrims Gate
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2585

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

I purchased my property from Miller Homes in March 2010 as a "low cost housing unit": I purchased it at 75% of its market value. I had a claim against Miller Homes, which has now been resolved, as they had not in fact sold the house to me with the appropriate discount. Whilst trying to sort that issue out I met with my local MP, ██████████. ██████████ wrote to ██████████ and ██████████ in 2014 regarding my property and it was only after the issue I had that time had been resolved I received communication from ██████████ explaining she had confirmation from ██████████ (who I believe was at that time the Minister for Housing) informing her that my property was not included in the scheme and that no funding had been made/received. Therefore, ██████████' understanding is, and also the understanding of ██████████, that my property should not have been sold as a low cost housing unit and should not have been included in the Section 106 Agreement that was entered into.

I have received a copy of the correspondence between ██████████ and ██████████, from ██████████, FOI Business Partner at Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government but have been informed that that Department holds no information relating to the funding for Miller Homes. ██████████ has suggested that I write to you. Therefore, under the Freedom of Information Act I am writing to request:

- *as much information as possible regarding the funding provided to Miller Homes for Plot 11 Pilgrims Gate, Wixams that can be located within an acceptable timeframe*

Any other information that could also be provided in helping me would be much appreciated. I have previously written to Miller Homes who said I need to contact Bedford Borough Council, who in turn say it is a matter I need to take up with Miller Homes. However, without evidence that my property should not have been included in the scheme I am unable to take matters forward.

If it is the case that my property was not funded and should not have been included in the scheme or sold as a low cost housing unit I wish to obtain its release from the obligations etc., it is currently under within the Section 106 Agreement and for a Deed of Rectification to be signed by all parties.

Response

We are able to confirm that we do not hold the information as detailed within your request.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that Plot 11 was not included in the Homebuy Direct Funding scheme.

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We have knowledge that there were a number of unspecified plots that were included as low cost home ownerships in a S106 agreement in the Miller Phase at Wixams and although we have no record that Plot 11 was included, there were some unspecified plots as part of the scheme which may or may not have included Plot 11.

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;

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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
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