

Date: 14/03/19
Our Ref: RFI2624
Your Ref: FOI Request – Bristol Arena
Tel: 0300 1234 500
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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI2624

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 wish to see a full copy of the report '06 Bristol Arena (TQ3)'

Response

Section 43 - Commercial interests

We are able to confirm that we do hold the information requested.

The information requested engages section 43(2) of the FOIA as its release would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Agency and of third parties.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption. This means that in order to withhold information under this exemption, we must consider the public interest in disclosure.

Public Interest Test – Factors in favour of disclosure

Homes England is compliant with the government agenda of transparency and recognises the benefit of publishing the information, particularly when it concerns how Homes England undertakes its work.

Public Interest Test – Factors in favour of non-disclosure

Homes England believes that it should not disclose the report titled '06 Bristol Arena (TQ3)' held by Homes England.

The report, if disclosed, would release information pertaining to our Sale of Temple Island in 2015. The Council is currently negotiating the disposal of part of Temple Island to the University of Bristol.

To disclose a copy of the report would be likely to prejudice ongoing commercial obligations between the Agency and third party concerned. This would prejudice the ability of Homes England to effectively manage the negotiations which would not be an effective use of public money.

It is also our view that disclosure of this report could be detrimental concerning future requests for copies of internal reports, if the wider public is provided with such commercial information it could be used to exploit information for profit or other gain.

After careful consideration we have concluded that at this time, the balance of the public interest favours the non-disclosure of the report.

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The full text of in the legislation can be found on the following link;

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/43>

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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Or via email foi@homesengland.gov.uk

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