

Date: 10/04/19
Our Ref: RFI2564
Your Ref: FOI Request – Rossendale’s Local Plan
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



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England

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By Email Only

Windsor House
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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI2564

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

Are Homes England in process of preparing, a design and planning policy for the release of government owned land, which follows NPPF 2018 and other relevant guidance.

Response

I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Land Policy, Risk & Governance Team who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

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 we have a Land Disposal Policy. We are not responsible for all government land only ours and any that transfers to us from other government departments/agencies. For wider government land you might consider contacting the Office for Government Property in the Cabinet Office.

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 by email to foi@homesengland.gov.uk

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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