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Your Ref: FOI Request - RFI2664: Funding for Quadrant Stadium

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Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



Homes England

Windsor House Homes England – 6th Floor 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL



RE: Request for Information - RFI2664

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'm a reporter at Construction News and I was hoping you could give me some more information about the Quadrant stadium for Boston United.

It has become public knowledge that Homes England is funding the new stadium.

Can you confirm that Homes England is funding this? If so, why, and how much money will Homes England be investing?

How much is the project going to cost?

Response

I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because we are still in negations regarding this project.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Investment 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 provide you with the following information.

Homes England have approval to provide £3.5m of grant funding towards the overall project. £2.3m of this is for the stadium construction, with the remainder for housing-related infrastructure.

The below article may be of interest to you:

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We do not hold any information relating to your third point, but you may wish to contact Boston Borough Council.

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 Homes England – 6th Floor Windsor House 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

Or by email to 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