

Date: 14/05/2019  
Our Ref: RFI2674  
Your Ref: FOI Request – Quadrant Stadium Funding  
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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI2674**

Thank you for your email dated 23 April 2019, some of which we have processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

For clarification, you email stated the following:

*In the previous FOI response, Homes England said: “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.”*

*I wanted to know:*

- 1. Who has approval come from? Is this approval from the Homes England board?*
- 2. Does “approval” mean the funding is 100% secured and certain, and Homes England are definitely providing £3.5m towards the project?*
- 3. As part of the previous response, Homes England provided a link to an article that stated funding still needed to be confirmed for the stadium specifically. Is there a chance that the £2.3m funding for the stadium will not go through? Are these funds definite or is this merely the first round of deciding whether to fund a hypothetical project?*
- 4. Has anything changed/is anything likely to change regarding the amount of funding being provided?*

**Response**

On consideration of your request we have determined that points 2, 3 and 4 of your email do not constitute valid requests for information made in accordance with the FOIA. We will therefore provide a response to these points outside of the FOIA.

To provide further clarity, the previous response referred to in the request is RFI2664. We can confirm that we do hold recorded information that falls within the scope of point 1 of your request.

- 1. Who has approval come from? Is this approval from the Homes England board?*

We can confirm that the approvals of all housing infrastructure fund schemes are made by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) with confirmation by the MHCLG Secretary of State and the Chancellor.

The scheme was part of the marginal viability fund bids announced on 1 February 2018. These were subject to funding clarification to confirm the terms and conditions of the funding and to confirm a final funding amount.

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Homes England is responsible for undertaking the funding clarification of the schemes and will be responsible for contracting with the relevant local authorities.

### **Discretionary Disclosure**

As stated above, we do not believe that the points below should be handled in accordance with the FOIA however we are able to respond to this point as general enquiries. Please therefore see below our response to point 2, 3, and 4.

2. *Does “approval” mean the funding is 100% secured and certain, and Homes England are definitely providing £3.5m towards the project?*

“Approval” means that an offer of funding has been made to the local authority. Schemes are subject to contract and will have conditions that need to be met before funding can be drawn down.

3. *As part of the previous response, Homes England provided a link to an article that stated funding still needed to be confirmed for the stadium specifically. Is there a chance that the £2.3m funding for the stadium will not go through? Are these funds definite or is this merely the first round of deciding whether to fund a hypothetical project?*

We can confirm that it is the total approved grant which has yet to be committed. As detailed in our response of RFI2664, Homes England does not hold the specific information as detailed in this point of your email. This is because Homes England is still in negotiations regarding this project.

4. *Has anything changed/is anything likely to change regarding the amount of funding being provided?*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 it was confirmed the amount offered was £3.5million. This figure was re-confirmed in an update on the ‘approved’ list updated by MHCLG on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019. We do not hold any information on whether the amount offered may change.

### **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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Or by email to [foi@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto: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.

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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