

Date: 10/07/2019  
Our Ref: RFI2717  
Your Ref: FOI Request – Leasehold Axe Developers  
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Dear ██████████,

**RE: Request for Information – RFI2717**

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 read the news 'Leasehold axed for all new houses in move to place fairness at heart of housing market' published 27 Jun 2019. It mentioned: 'The Communities Secretary has today instructed Homes England to renegotiate contracts... This all comes as a further 18 leading property developers, managing agents and freeholders – including Crest Nicolson and Keepmoat Homes – have signed up to the government's industry pledge, committing them to freeing existing leaseholders trapped in onerous deals where ground rents double every 10 or 15 years. This takes the total number of signatories to over 60'.*

*As an older pensioner, I just wonder if the names of those developers signed up the pledge with the Homes England would be available for public such that I could approach to a right developer for a size down flat for a peaceful retired life.*

**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.

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 your question should be directed to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Their contact details are as follows:

[mhclgcorrespondence@communities.gov.uk](mailto:mhclgcorrespondence@communities.gov.uk)

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Some of the information you have requested can also be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/james-brokenshire-announces-industry-pledge-to-crack-down-on-toxic-leasehold-deals>

### **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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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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.

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