

Date: 28/08/19
Our Ref: RFI2699
Your Ref: FOI Request – Lodge Hill
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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI2699

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

You requested the following information:

Please provide me with the most up to date information regarding development plans for this site - I would be grateful if you could supply me with details (e.g. a map) of the area that is owned by Homes England (or whoever the current owner is) and, shown within this, the area within this set aside for built development and the plans for any remaining land.

Response

We can inform you that we do hold recorded information that falls within the scope of your request.

Section 21 – Information accessible by other means

We can inform you that we do hold recorded information that falls within the scope of your request. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

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

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

We can confirm that Homes England is the trading name of the Homes and Communities Agency which is the registered proprietor of titles numbered TT76939 and K893242 at the Land Registry. Official copies of the plans of those land holdings are obtainable from the Land Registry for a small fee.

Further to the exemption relied on above we do hold some recorded information that falls within the scope of your request that is not readily available. Information relating to development plans for the site is contained within the most recent version of the 'Site Masterplan'. We therefore enclose a copy of the masterplan within this response, which is labelled Annex A.

Advice and Assistance

To comply with our duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with section 16 of the FOIA we would like to add, as has already been publicly stated, that Homes England is currently proposing to apply for planning consent to build 500 dwellings. We hope to obtain consent to erect all those dwellings on the former barracks site. We may have to consider how the smaller open space area to the north is developed out, if we are not able to masterplan up

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to 500 dwellings on the former barracks site. In that eventuality Homes England would be obliged to agree with the local planning authority how sufficient future open space requirements will be met.

We have considered the possible development (in part) for non-residential purposes of Lodge Hill Camp but are still formulating our plans. The remaining land will be retained (in the short term) and managed in order to maintain and enhance the favourable conservation status of the Chattenden Woods and Lodge Hill SSSI.

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
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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