

Date: 22/08/19  
Our Ref: RFI2735  
Your Ref: FOI Request – Home Building Fund  
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Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Request for Information – RFI2735**

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

You requested the following information:

*Can you let me know how much of the £3bn Home Building Fund (percentage of total fund and actual figure) has been allocated to date since its inception?*

*Can you also let me know what percentage of funds distributed have been allocated to projects in each English region - separately?*

*Can you also let me know what percentage of funds distributed have been allocated to projects crossing more than one English region - separately?*

*Can you also let me know what percentage of funds distributed have been allocated to projects that are primarily or entirely on brownfield (previously developed) land?*

**Response**

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

We will therefore address each of your points in turn below;

- 1) *Can you let me know how much of the £3bn Home Building Fund (percentage of total fund and actual figure) has been allocated to date since its inception?*

We can confirm that in the 2017 Budget the Chancellor increased the funding available through the Home Building Fund from £3 billion to £4.5 billion. Of that £4.5 billion £2.6 billion (58%) has now been either contracted or approved but not yet in contract. In responding to your request we have included approvals that are not yet in contract as approval is the stage at which we consider the funds to be “allocated”, which is the expression you used in your request.

- 2) *Can you also let me know what percentage of funds distributed have been allocated to projects in each English region - separately?*

The table below details the percentage of allocations and is shown broken down by region. This data is from fund launch in October 2016 until 26 July 2019.

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Home Building Fund Regions	% of Contracted and Approved Home Building Fund monies
London	29
Midlands	8
National	20
North East, Yorkshire and The Humber	10
North West	7
South East	18
South West	8

3) *Can you also let me know what percentage of funds distributed have been allocated to projects crossing more than one English region - separately?*

We refer to the table above, which has been provided for point 2 of your request. We can confirm that 20% of committed funds can be attributed to “National” Projects (which we define as those projects which cross more than one region).

4) *Can you also let me know what percentage of funds distributed have been allocated to projects that are primarily or entirely on brownfield (previously developed) land?*

We can confirm that 70%\* of committed funds have gone to projects that are primarily or entirely on brownfield land.

\*This excludes committed funds for National projects with sites not yet attributed to them.

### **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 please see the link below which will direct you to the 2017 Budget.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/autumn-budget-2017-documents/autumn-budget-2017>

### **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)

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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