

Date: 25/09/2019
Our Ref: RFI2774
Your Ref: FOI Request – South Oxfordshire Land
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2774

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with the following:

How much land Homes England owns in South Oxfordshire. Please give the addresses of the land and the sites' respective sizes, in acres.

Please also include dates of when each site was purchased.

Please also include the price Homes England paid for each site.

In addition, please also specifically address land in Warpsgrove and Rofford, if that is not included in the category listed above.

If that land has not yet been bought there, please tell me what Homes England's intentions are for it.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn.

1) How much land Homes England owns in South Oxfordshire. Please give the addresses of the land and the sites' respective sizes, in acres.

Please refer to the following table which provides the requested information:

Location Name	Postcode	Local Authority	Area in Acres	Title Number(s)
3 Lydalls Road, Didcot	OX117HX	South Oxfordshire	0.04	ON68375, ON53116
5 Lydalls Road, Didcot	OX117HX	South Oxfordshire	0.09	ON53117, ON53116
89 Station Rd (Labour Club)	OX117NN	South Oxfordshire	0.13	ON119772, ON153164
91 Station Road	OX117NN	South Oxfordshire	0.04	ON208541
93 - 95 Station Road	OX117NN	South Oxfordshire	0.1	ON187993
Chalgrove Airfield	OX447RJ	South Oxfordshire	629	ON327371

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Land at Rofford and Warpsgrove Chalgrove Oxfordshire	OX44 7XY	South Oxfordshire	467.32	ON304366
Jet Garage, Station Road, Didcot	OX117HT	South Oxfordshire	0.26	ON166993
Julians Garage, Lydalls Road, Didcot	OX117NN	South Oxfordshire	1.45	ON166635, ON166636
Fairmile - Mixed Use	OX109GT	South Oxfordshire	21.6554288	ON226922, ON299329

2) Please also include dates of when each site was purchased.

3) Please also include the price Homes England paid for each site.

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere. Please see advice and assistance section below.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

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

21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. As such, we can advise that this information is available from the Land Registry using the Title Numbers supplied in our response to Q1.

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4) In addition, please also specifically address land in Warpsgrove and Rofford, if that is not included in the category listed above.

We can confirm that the information in relation to this land has been provided within the table supplied in our response to Q1.

5) If that land has not yet been bought there, please tell me what Homes England's intentions are for it.

This is not a valid request for any recorded information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, however we have provided a response to this question as a 'Discretionary Disclosure' outside of the act below.

Discretionary Disclosure

Homes England has purchased 467.32 acres(189 hectares) of land immediately to the north of Chalgrove Airfield which will provide more flexibility for the high quality housing and employment uses identified in our masterplan.

The purchase will therefore support our plans for a new, sustainable 21st century market town bringing forward much needed homes with supporting infrastructure and land for employment.

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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50 Victoria Street
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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