

Date: 16/10/2019
Our Ref: RFI2788
Your Ref: FOI Request – Affordable Housing
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2788

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 am undertaking research in respect of the need for affordable housing for sale in Darlington and would be grateful if you could assist me by advising on the number of applicant households currently waiting for affordable housing for sale within Darlington Borough and within the Parish of Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent (or relevant sub-area).

It would also be useful to know what proportion of these are First Time Buyers if this information is available.

Response

We are 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, as Homes England do not hold waiting lists.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Affordable Housing team who would have the requested information if held.

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 waiting lists for affordable housing are managed by local authorities or landlords of affordable housing. We would therefore recommend that you contact Darlington Borough Council (whose details we have provided below) or local landlords of affordable housing who may be able to assist.

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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
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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