

Date: 26/11/19  
Our Ref: RFI2853  
Your Ref: FOI Request – Poplar Harca Ltd and Balfron Tower Developments LLP  
Tel: 0300 1234 500  
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Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Request for Information – RFI2853**

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

For clarification, you requested the following information:

*The 147 flats in Balfron Tower, built by the GLC for social tenants in 1967 is in the London Standard newspaper, are up for sale.*

*Send me a copy of the certificate for listed buildings consent by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets approving the works.*

**Response**

I can 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.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with the relevant 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>

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 Homes England does not have copies of any permissions or certificates issued for the works carried out on Balfron Tower. Homes England is not responsible for approving applications for alterations to listed buildings. The management of listed buildings is the responsibility of local planning authorities (in this case the London Borough of Tower Hamlets) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

You may wish to submit your request to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government or the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

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Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Please write to:  
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London Borough of Tower Hamlets

<https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

**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