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By Email Only

Windsor House Homes England – 6th Floor 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI2857

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). For clarification, you requested the following information:

A copy of any reports or information produced regarding the contamination present on the site of the Pirbright Institute in Compton.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold information that falls within the scope of your request. Please find attached the following Annexes:

Annex A – Phase 1 Geotechnical and Geo-environmental desk study report (divided into two parts due to file size) Annex B – Ground Investigation Report (divided into three parts due to file size)

Please note that we have redacted information under Regulation 13 of the EIR.

Regulation 13 – Personal Data

We have redacted information on the grounds that in constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages Regulation 13 of the EIR.

To disclose personal data, such as names, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Regulation 13 is an absolute exception which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exception is engaged.

The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link; <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3391/regulation/13/made</u>



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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 Windsor House 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

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 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team For Homes England