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

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information - RFI2881

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 trying to discover who the LAs are that have housing for sale that are more than 6 months old. Ideally the information I'd like is;

- Names of the PRPs that own this stock
- Number of homes available for sale that are over 6 months old.
- Local Authority or BMRA where these homes are located.
- Types of homes.
- Valuation that the homes are currently for sale at.

Response

I am 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.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Housing Programmes 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 Homes England do not collect information on the selling of affordable home ownership

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homes that we fund. This is done by the Regulator of Social Housing through its Quarterly Surveys of RPs – see <u>Quarterly survey of private registered providers - GOV.UK</u>. This information is collected on an annual basis through the Regulator of Social Housing's <u>Statistical Data Return</u> <u>statistical releases - GOV.UK</u>. For data at a more refined level than is published, we suggest that you submit a Freedom of Information request to the Regulator of Social Housing at <u>enquiries@rsh.gov.uk</u>

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 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. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team For Homes England

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