



Homes
England

Date: 13/01/2020

Our Ref: RFI2884

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████,

RE: Request for Information – RFI2884

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

In March 2016, the former Department for Communities and Local Government published its prospectus on 'Locally-Led Garden Villages, Towns and Cities'.

Was this the first time that local councils got to hear of this initiative, or had it been trailed to them beforehand?

In other words, when was the first opportunity for them to begin thinking and planning?

Was any circular or other communication sent out to them earlier than March 2016, either by the DCLG or by the then Homes and Communities Agency/Homes England?

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 Garden Communities 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>

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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 the information you seek may be held by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Their contact details are as follows:

mhclgcorrespondence@communities.gov.uk

Knowledge & Information Access Team

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

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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

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