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

Dear ,

RE: Request for Information - RFI2937

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 would like to submit a <u>Freedom of Information request</u> in relation to any grant money or state subsidy in relation to affordable properties at Meldon Fields in Okehampton.

The land registry titles for the affordable properties I am interested in are as per the table below:

Title number	Date of sale	Sold to	Sum stated
DN686869	25 th July 2017	Aster Communities	£343,250
DN645639	21 st May 2014	Aster Communities	£1,014,934
DN630738	17 th January 2013	Aster Communities	£297,000

These properties are in Okehampton, street addresses: Kellands Lane and Stock Park. The developer on site was Linden South West Limited who then sold to Aster Communities.

I have attached a plan taken from the land registry and copies of the land registry titles. For reference, the plan doesn't take into consideration the whole of title DN645639. The properties I am concerned with sits on land which was sold by Leander Developments to Linden South West Limited 8 years ago.

I am interested in gathering information on any grant money or any form of state subsidy, that was used to purchase or develop, or was used in connection with these properties.





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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 Affordable Housing and Historical Grants teams 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 has no record of any funding or subsidy in relation to these properties/titles.

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 Governance Team Homes England – 6th Floor Windsor House 50 Victoria Street London SW1H OTL

Or by email to infogov@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,

The Information Governance Team

For Homes England