



Homes  
England

Date: 15/04/2020

Our Ref: RFI2951

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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI2951**

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

- 1. What is value in £ Homes England have invested in equity from the builder Persimmon Homes in West Yorkshire via the Help To Buy scheme.*
- 2. Can this be split by each development site.*

**Response**

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information.

1. We can advise that Help to Buy provides assistance in the form of an equity mortgage to the purchaser and does not 'invest' with the house builder. The Total Equity Loan funding in West Yorkshire Local Authorities through Persimmon purchaser legal completions between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019 is **£36,397,001**.

The West Yorkshire Local Authorities included in the above total Equity Loan Funding are:

Calderdale Borough Council.  
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.  
Kirklees Metropolitan Council.  
Leeds City Council.  
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council.

2. I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in this part of your request. This is because Homes England does not collect this data from the developer.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Help to Buy - Reporting team who would have the requested information if held.

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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>

### **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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Or by email to [infogov@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto: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

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