

By Email Only

Date: 24/04/20 Our Ref: RFI2970 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk Making homes happen

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

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI2970

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You requested the following information:

I am writing to make a freedom of information request.

An application to the Private sector ACM Cladding Remediation Fund on behalf of the Belvedere, Cambridge, CB2 ONT.

Encore are the Managing Agents for the property, and the last update they gave to Residents on the 17 February indicated that a meeting was held with Homes England on 14 February to discuss next steps. Encore said that Homes England would review the state aid documents and that process may take 5 weeks (i.e. up to 23 March)

The purpose of this FOI is to request:

- the status of the application
- any outstanding information that is required from the Belvedere

- likely timescales of the remainder of the application process

Response

I can confirm that Homes England hold some information that falls within the scope of your request. We can confirm that the status of the application is currently pending.

However, we can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request to answer points two and three 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 Building Remediation 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:

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https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1

To clarify, we are currently in the process of due diligence, the outcome of which is pending and therefore currently unknown. We do not hold information surrounding outstanding information and timescales.

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 0TL

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: <u>https://ico.org.uk/</u>

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