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Date: 13 August 2020

Our Ref: RFI3058

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3058

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 July 2020 it was announced that Homes England would be sharing some of the promotional costs for the proposed development site called "Heathlands", at Lenham Heath, Maidstone, Kent. The Press Release suggests that perhaps other sites have been assessed too.

I would like to see if Homes England have made any evaluations or assessments for another site in the same Borough - a proposed development of 2,000 houses at Marden, Kent called provisionally "Land North of Marden".

If Homes England have assessed this site's viability, please send me a copy of this assessment. I am also requesting copies of all correspondence by Homes England if this is the case.

Response

I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with the relevant Land area 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 advise that there may have been evaluations or assessments at council/local authority level regarding this site that have not yet had involvement from Homes England. You may wish to contact the Local Authority for further information.

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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;

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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

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