



Homes
England

Date: 11 November 2020

Our Ref: RFI3131

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3131

Thank you for your request for information which we processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

I would like to put in, on behalf of my Community Organisation FANS, a Freedom of Information Request for all documentation pertaining to the sale of the Five Acres site to the Forest of Dean District Council.

This needs to include the documentation held by the previous agency known as Homes and Communities Agency.

Response

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested however, to comply with your request would exceed the appropriate limit in terms of the cost of compliance. We therefore rely on Section 12 of the FOIA to refuse this request for information.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link;

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>

We have considered the wording of your request and in its current scope we have determined that to establish where all elements of the information is held, to locate the information, to retrieve the information and to extract the information would exceed the appropriate limit.

Guidance around the appropriate limit as stated in the FOIA can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website, we have included the link below for ease;

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/refusing-a-request/>

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Under the terms of the FOIA we are not obliged to provide any information compiled in the course of our searches prior to concluding section 12 is engaged.

To offer advice and assistance in accordance section 16 of the FOIA, you may wish to consider narrowing the scope of your request. This can be done by stating the type of correspondence you are seeking and by setting a timeframe for our searches.

Please note that due to the broad scope of your request we cannot confirm that any further request would not also exceed the section 12 cost limit at this time.

In our correspondence dated 21 October 2020 we explained that we required additional time to determine the public interest in disclosing the information held. We extended our timeframe (at this point in time) as we believe we had located all information held which fell within the scope of your request. However, during this extended time further searches were carried out and it was established that additional information was held which therefore triggered the Section 12 FOIA exemption.

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
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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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