



Homes  
England

Date: 18 November 2020

Our Ref: RFI3188

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By Email Only

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Homes England – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI3188**

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 have the information on watercourses - ditches - for the land that you own behind my property on Coote Lane Whitestake Preston PR4 4LJ.*

*I would request both historical maps of watercourses/ ditches and up to date maps existing/current watercourses along with any submissions to Lancashire County Council requesting permission to change the watercourses in the past 10 years including details of the changes requested and the outcome of the applications.*

**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 our Planning and Estate Management 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 the land owned by Homes England off Coote Lane is subject to an Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 tenancy, the start date of which was 1 March 1991.

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We have attached a plan detailing Homes England's land ownership off Coote Lane. We hold no recorded information or mapping on watercourses or ditches on this land. The course of a drain is shown on the attached plan.

We hold no recorded information regarding any applications to Lancashire County Council (LCC) regarding this land. You may wish to contact LCC, who may hold information that falls in the scope of your request.

### **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](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

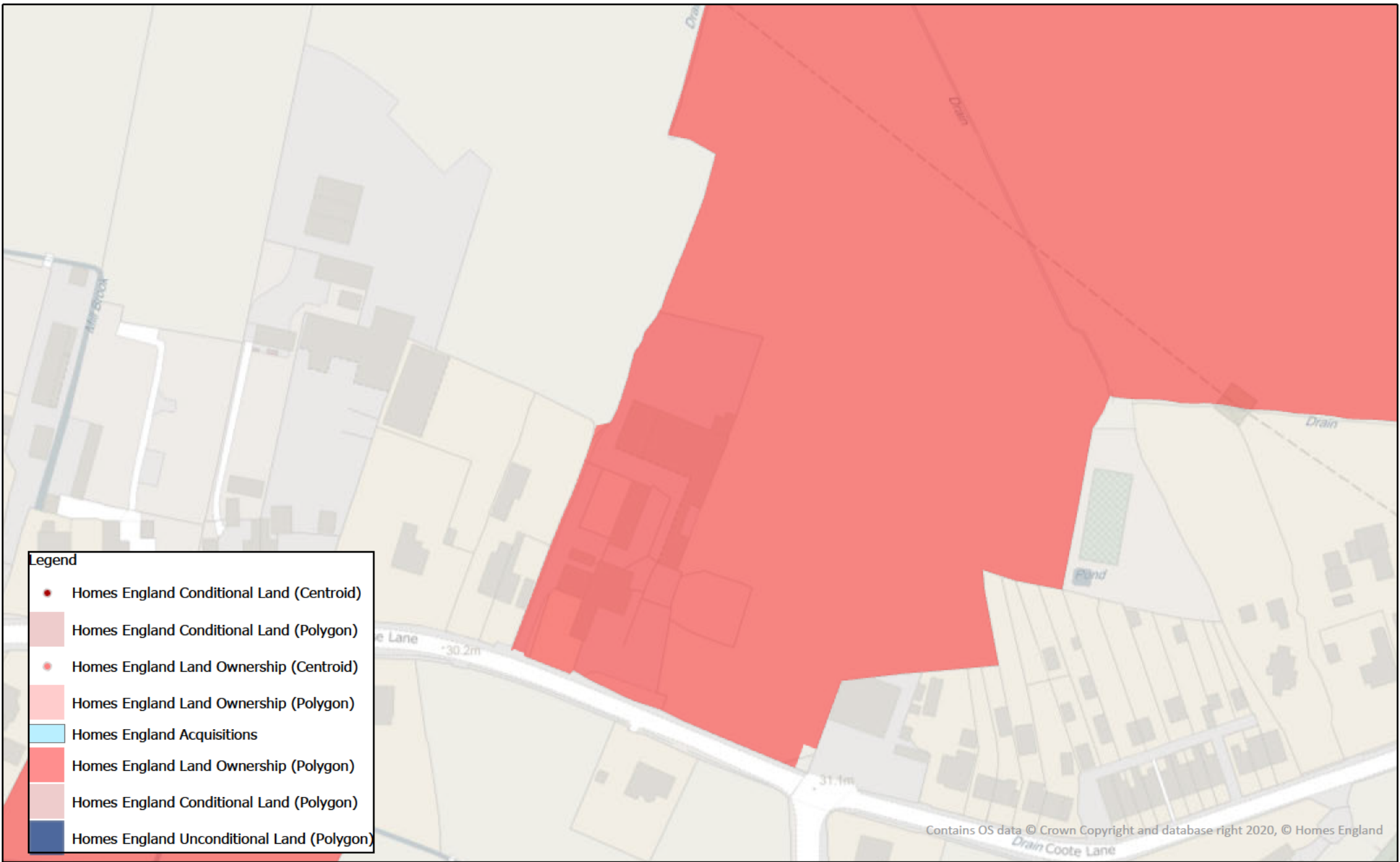
<https://ico.org.uk/>

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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# BRAIDS FARM - LAND OFF COOTE LANE

Date: 09/11/2020

Scale: 1:1,654

*Do not use as legal plan*



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