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Date: 21 December 2020

Our Ref: RFI3223

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3223

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

We ask you to explicitly confirm whether Homes England/Homes and Communities Agency have entered into a partnership with Inland Homes, or alternatively Inland Homes and/or Basildon Developments Ltd, with regard to land at Gardiners Lane South in Basildon, Essex.

It has been represented to some that they are working in partnership and represented to others that there is an agreement to sell land holdings, as such the arrangement has been represented as a disposal subject to a contract of obtaining planning permission.

As such there should be no objections to this information and expect that it should not be deemed sensitive if it's already been put in formal writing to different individuals, to be clear we are not asking for the details of the agreement/arrangement.

Due to the conflicting information, this needs absolute transparency and clarity to prevent any misinformation/disinformation.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold information that falls within the scope of this request. We can confirm that there is an agreement for sale and purchase of property Gardiners Lane Basildon between (1) Homes and Communities Agency (trading as Homes England) (2) Basildon Development Limited (3) Inland Homes PLC dated 26 March 2020.

This is an agreement for sale as opposed to a legal partnership. Colloquially, Homes England refers to contracted residential developers as its "development partner".

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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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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