

By Email Only

Date: 2 December 2020 Our Ref: RFI3209 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI3209

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

We live adjacent to the field own by Homes England, Farriers Avenue, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn.

According to Halton Borough Council Planning Department this field has restricted building limitations. As residents of Farriers Avenue can you please advise on who bought the field and if possible for what purpose?

Response

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease. <u>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21</u>

21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1)Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2)For the purposes of subsection (1)-

(a)information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b)information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3)For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available

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in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. As such we can advise that information including the registered owner (current) and any conditions on this land are available at Land Registry under title number: CH474114 via <u>Get information about property and land - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>.

We can advise that Homes England own this land and we are not currently aware of any plans regarding its sale to any third parties.

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

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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