



Homes
England

Date: 11 January 2021

Our Ref: RFI3250

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3250

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

You requested the following information:

This enquiry concerns funding in the order of £6.4 million (I do not know the precise amount) to enable infrastructure works within Welwyn Garden City under a scheme name I believe to be something like "Welwyn Garden City Regeneration - Town Centre North". The application will have come from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC)

I would be grateful if you would send me a copy of the following:

- 1. The application(s) from WHBC concerning this scheme and all associated documentation between all parties; this will include but not limited to all associated correspondence, drawings, plans, financial information, time projections, file notes, phone call logs and emails, and of course the application. By "all parties" I mean, your organisation, WHBC and all contractors, consultants, architects and others that have been involved in the application and granting the funds.*
- 2. Your letter(s) confirming WHBC will receive funding and all the conditions concerning that funding.*
- 3. All letters, documentation, emails etc following your letter awarding the funding up until the date of this email between your staff and WHBC and its contractors etc.*
- 4. A copy of your application rules and regulations that WHBC has to comply with, your assessment process for the application and any scoring mechanisms you used to judge the worthiness of the scheme.*

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 for the cost of compliance. We therefore rely on section 12, exemption where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit under the FOIA.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link for ease:

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

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

Advice and Assistance

To offer advice and assistance under section 16 of the FOIA you may wish to consider narrowing the scope of your request. This might be done by setting a timeframe or potentially requesting specific documentation.

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.

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
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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,

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