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Dear

By Email Only

# RE: Request for Information – RFI3268

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

Site 1845 - Details requested Could you please tell me: 1) when was this plot of land sold 2) who bought it 3) what price did you sell it for

The reference 'Site 1845' is from the Homes England Land Hub and refers to Whitehouse Farm Warrington, WA2 0 SU.

You also submitted an enquiry regarding this site directly via our land hub, which we have addressed in this response for ease:

Question: Please can you tell me: a) when was this site sold b) who was it sold to c) what price was it sold for and d) where was the land advertised for sale

#### **Response**

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn.

# Questions 1,2,3 and A,B,C:

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>

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# 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 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 the sale date, buyer and price of this land is available at Land Registry under title numbers CH277770 and CH666431 and can be requested via the following link: <u>Get information about property and land - GOV.UK</u> (www.gov.uk).

#### **Question D:**

The land was advertised for sale on the open market.

#### **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 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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