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Windsor House Homes England – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor 50 Victoria Street London SW1H OTL

Dear

### RE: Request for Information - RFI3314

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

You requested the following information:

1. Have Notting Hill Genesis (formerly Notting Hill Housing and Genesis Housing Association) ever sought approval from the agency to vary the basis and/or apportionment of service charges for their property at Marlborough House, part of the Park West development in Hillingdon, as required for leases drawn up before October 2010?

(https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachment data%2Ffile%2F557219%2FShared Ownership - Joint Guidance.pdf&data=04%7C01%7Cinfogov%40homesengland.gov.uk%7C620c891116de415cbcc308d8c7d05f08%7Cfaa8e2690811453882e74d29009219bf%7C0%7C0%7C637479045564243317%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=yihOTILTjkVGIFs4M5YrUSA12TGYrCjPcxuOEfes0V4%3D&reserved=0)

2. If they have, when was this application made, and did the agency approve the application?

## Response

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no business reason for Homes England to do so.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Affordable Housing team 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





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#### **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 can advise that you might wish to submit your request to the Greater London Authority (GLA), who may hold information that falls within the scope of your request. Homes England was unable to find any record of any such request for this scheme but, if there had been, this would have had to have been prior to April 2012 when responsibility for affordable homes in London passed to the GLA.

The GLA can be contact via email: mayor@london.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can post or fax your request:

Public Liaison Unit Greater London Authority The Queen's Walk London SE1 2AA

Fax: 020 7983 4057

Further information can be found on the following web page:

https://www.london.gov.uk/

## **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: 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:

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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