

By Email Only

Date: 23 February 2021 Our Ref: RFI3305 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk Making homes happen

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

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI3305

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

Please can you advise what fee Linden Homes were charged to change the following leases from Live/work into residential on the following 3 properties please

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Villa Close, Cholsey, oxon, OX109FJ

Response

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

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our responsible Project team, Records Management and Legal teams 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

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 are able to confirm that we only hold information on overall legal costs between Homes England and our panel lawyers regarding this site. We do not hold information relating to the individual properties listed in your request or information relating to fees to Linden Homes.

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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. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

The Information Governance Team Homes England – 6th Floor Windsor House 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 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