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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI3384

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

1. *How many bids in total have been received under the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 for building Traveller sites?*
2. *How many of those bids were successful and which local authority / RSLs were they from?*
3. *Of the successful bids, how many Traveller pitches does that amount to, in total and broken down into each successful applicant? Please stipulate if they were for transit or permanent pitches in each case.*
4. *Of the successful bids awarded funding for Traveller sites under the SOAHP, how many of those pitches have actually been built and are now in use?*
5. *Of the successful bids, how many pitches are additional to their current provision and how many are replacing/renovating existing pitches?*

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information.

1. ***How many bids in total have been received under the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 for building Traveller sites?***
There have been 5 bids through the 16-21 SOAHP Programme for traveller sites.
2. ***How many of those bids were successful and which local authority / RSLs were they from?***
2 schemes have been allocated funding. One in Birmingham and one in Cornwall.
3. ***Of the successful bids, how many Traveller pitches does that amount to, in total and broken down into each successful applicant? Please stipulate if they were for transit or permanent pitches in each case.***
15 units in Cornwall and 15 in Birmingham. All new build Transit.

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4. ***Of the successful bids awarded funding for Traveller sites under the SOAHP, how many of those pitches have actually been built and are now in use?***

30

5. ***Of the successful bids, how many pitches are additional to their current provision and how many are replacing/renovating existing pitches?***

The units were new build so all 30 schemes are additional to current provision.

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.

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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