



Homes
England

Date: 30 March 2021

Our Ref: RFI3366

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3366

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

I am trying to ascertain if a main contractor has been appointed yet for the projects below and if so who?

- 1. Meadowfield Industrial Estate, St John's Road, Meadowfield, Extension of an existing road (approx. 100m) into a development site with associated drainage & services, Submission date 03/03/2021*
- 2. Land off Rudgate Park, Thorp Arch, Wetherby, Phase 2 - 119nr New Houses, Submission date 08/02/2019*
- 3. Northern Arc Development, Burgess Hill, New bridge link road to facilitate new housing development at Northern Arc Development in Burgess Hill, Submission date 08/03/2019*
- 4. Former Royal Hospital, Cleveland Road, Sutherland Place, Wolverhampton, Convert the main Royal Hospital building into 38 flats comprising 1 and 2 bed apartments and associated ancillary spaces, Submission date 07/08/2020*
- 5. 106-110 Fazeley Street, Birmingham, Refurb existing building to create mixed use development comprising offices (Use Class B1), artist studios and workshops (Sui Generis), gallery and exhibition space, Submission date 07/08/2020*
- 6. James Bridge, Alumwell site, Darlaston, Walsall, Remediation of two former industrial sites which are collectively known as Phoenix 10, Submission date 05/02/2021*
- 7. The Croppings, Lightmoor Way, Telford, Phase 3 Lightmoor Village, Submission date 26/02/2021*

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Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information, however we are withholding this from disclosure under the following exemptions:

Section 21 - Information is available to the applicant elsewhere

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link;

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

If contracts have been awarded they will be published on Contracts Finder and can be found by searching the site name or "Homes England" on Contracts Finder; we have included the link for ease;

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>.

Section 22 - Information intended for future publication

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link;

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/22>

Section 22 is a qualified exemption. This means that in order to withhold information under this exemption, we must consider the public interest in disclosure.

Public Interest Test – Factors in favour of disclosure

- Homes England is compliant with the government agenda of transparency and recognises the benefit of publishing the information, particularly when it concerns how Homes England undertakes its work.

Public Interest Test – Factors in favour of non-disclosure

- Homes England believes that it is reasonable and sensible to withhold from disclosure the names of appointed contractors until the date(s) of publication on Contract Finder.
- To withhold information until full details are published and available reflects both Homes England's and other government agency publication schemes and is in line with the accepted mechanism of release for this type of information. Homes England believes that we should not release the information in advance of publication through Contract Finder. The information requested is continually being updated and collated by the Central Procurement Team at Homes England and therefore requires internal consideration and attention before its published release in the correct format.
- The timeframe for publication on Contract Finder is both imminent and ongoing and therefore Homes England believes that the information requested should only be released as part of the intended publication. To release prior to this would serve no public purpose.

Therefore, after careful consideration we have concluded that at this time, the balance of the public interest favours the non-disclosure.



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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.

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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

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