



Homes
England

Date: 1 April 2021
Our Ref: RFI3355
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By Email Only

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI3355

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:

Please provide the letter sent by then Rachel McClean, the then chief financial officer of MHCLG, to Nick Walkley, the then CEO of Homes England, raising or formalising concerns about the circumstances concerning the approval of a loan made by Homes England to the company overseeing the redevelopment of Earls Court. For clarity, the Earls Court company was acquired by Delancey in 2019.

Response

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Government Relations and Executive 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>

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

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