



Homes
England

Date: 12 April 2021
Our Ref: RFI3370
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By Email Only

Windsor House
Homes England – 6th Floor
50 Victoria Street
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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI3370

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 a copy of Ceri Smith's letter to the CEO of Homes England sent upon his resignation as a board member for Homes England.

Response

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information which specifically falls within the scope of your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have made enquires of various teams internally who would have the requested information if we held it, and asked them to search for it.

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 can advise that in most cases, information that relating to letter of resignation would be withheld from disclosure in accordance with section 40(2) (personal data) of the FOIA.

Information surrounding resignations, include those in public facing roles, contains personal information of the data subject and the Information Commissioners Office has consistently supported the use of this exemption explaining that the very nature of personal matters, such as reasons behind a resignation would be unfair. The reasonable

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expectation of the data subject is that such information would not be disclosed and that the consequences of any disclosure could be damaging or distressing to them.

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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