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Dear

# **RE: Request for Information – RFI3394**

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

RE: Woolsery Sports and Community Hall

Homes England are therefore requested to confirm the grant allocated to this project, its percentage of the total cost, whether the grant has been paid and to whom.

#### Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information.

We can confirm that the grant has been paid to Provider 5010 (Affordable Housing Programme) – Woolfardisworthy Sports & Community Hall.

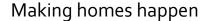
Regarding the amount of grant allocated and the percentage of the total cost, this information is exempt from disclosure under the following FOIA exemption:

### Section 44 - Prohibitions on Disclosure

Section 44 (1)(a) FOIA exempts information from disclosure if its disclosure is prohibited by other legislation. In this case, release of the information you are seeking is prohibited by the Statistics and Registration Services (SRS) Act 2007 and the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008.

The requested information will form part of the 'Housing Statistics' National Statistics publication routinely published every six months and cannot be provided until the data has been formally approved and officially published.

We are required to consider your request in a manner compliant with the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008 further to sections 11 and 13 of the (SRS Act 2007). These sections require producers of official statistics to ensure that no indication of the substance of a statistical report is made public, or given to the media or any other party not recorded as eligible for access prior to publication.





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The funding amount will be published as part of this Official Statistics publication. The percentage amount is not intended for publication in the exact form requested, however to provide the information would constitute an 'indication' of the statistics due to be published in the 'Housing Statistics' National Statistics publication as it would form part of a subset of published data.

Therefore, to disclose the information at this date would cause Homes England to violate the provisions of section 13 of the SRS Act and the Pre-Release Access Order to Official Statistics 2008 and as such engages the exemption under section 44(1)(a) of the FOIA.

Section 44 is an absolute exemption which means that we do not have to consider the public interest in disclosure.

#### Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 FOIA. As such we can advise that the amount of grant provided will be published on the following link once the National Statistics publication is approved: <a href="Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 summary: end of September 2019 - GOV.UK">Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 summary: end of September 2019 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</a>

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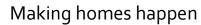
Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

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 <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>

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.





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Yours sincerely,

# **The Information Governance Team**

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