



Homes
England

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3401

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

1. Which Local Authorities or other applicants have had their applications under the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 for building Traveller pitches/sites refused and why?
2. Is the scheme now closed to applications?
3. Will the scheme be extended/refreshed/replaced with a new scheme to similarly assist with provision in response to continued housing need?
4. If so, will any such scheme include the possibility of support for provision of Traveller pitches and/or sites?

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn.

1. ***Which Local Authorities or other applicants have had their applications under the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 for building Traveller pitches/sites refused and why?***
No bids have been refused funding through the programme.
2. ***Is the scheme now closed to applications?***
Yes, the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 (SOAHP 16-21) is now closed.
3. ***Will the scheme be extended/refreshed/replaced with a new scheme to similarly assist with provision in response to continued housing need?***
&
4. ***If so, will any such scheme include the possibility of support for provision of Traveller pitches and/or sites?***
The Affordable Homes Programme 2021 to 2026 is now open for bids and new Traveller pitches can be funded through this programme. Information on applying for funding is available on GOV.uk:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-affordable-housing-funding>

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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
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