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Date: 17 May 2021

Our Ref: RFI3433

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3433

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

Lea Castle, Land at Crescent

Could you please confirm that the land is still publicly owned and, as per your email-

correspondence/transaction information in relation to the disposal, acquisition etc of this land, to include, if possible, the estimated value of the land and it's proposed sale price.

Response

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, to comply with your request would exceed the appropriate limit for the cost of compliance. We therefore rely on section 12, exemption where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit under the FOIA.

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

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

We have considered the current wording of your request and in its current scope we have determined that to establish where all elements of the information is held, to locate the information, retrieving the information and extracting the information would exceed the appropriate limit in terms of timeframes.

Under the terms of the Act we are not obliged to provide any information compiled in the course of our searches prior to concluding section 12 is engaged.

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Advice and Assistance

In compliance with the Section 45 Code of Practice (Paragraph 14) and to offer advice and assistance under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you may wish to consider narrowing the scope of your request.

In our previous response regarding this matter (RFI3341) which also engaged section 12, we advised that your request could be narrowed by specifying a particular aspect of correspondence/transaction information or to specify a timeframe. We appreciate that in this request you have specified information relating to "*disposal, acquisition etc*" but can advise that due to the amount of information held, the request still engages section 12.

We can advise that the time limit is reached in relation to the request for "*correspondence*" alone. This is because there have been several different teams/individuals involved in this site over many years. You may wish to omit the request for correspondence or specify a timeframe/more specific matter if you would like to request correspondence.

It would also help to refine your request if you could be more specific regarding "*transaction information*" as without further specification all information we hold regarding this site could be interpreted as "*transaction information*".

Please note that due to the broad scope of your request we cannot confirm that any further request would not also exceed the section 12 cost limit at this time.

Information Publicly Available at Land Registry

To offer further advice and assistance regarding the first part of your request ("*Could you please confirm that the land is still publicly owned*") we can advise that land ownership information is available to the public on request at Land Registry via the following link: [Get information about property and land - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-property-and-land). The title number for the land in your request is WR98632.

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.

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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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.



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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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