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Information Governance Team Homes England Windsor House – 6th Floor 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

Dear

By Email Only

RE: Request for Information – RFI3542

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

Please could you supply a map showing the boundary details of all land that you currently own or have options on purchasing in the area bounded by the villages of Longstanton, Cottenham, Histon and Impington, Girton (new), Dry Drayton and Bar Hill. Including any documented information concerning the proposed use of the plot of land commonly referred to as the "Oakington Tomato Farm" which you have previously identified as being owned by Homes England in RFI3192.

Response

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

Please could you supply a map showing the boundary details of all land that you currently own or have options on purchasing in the area bounded by the villages of Longstanton, Cottenham, Histon and Impington, Girton (new), Dry Drayton and Bar Hill.

Please fine enclosed Annex A which shows a map of the land Homes England currently owns and has options for in relation to the areas detailed in your request.

Including any documented information concerning the proposed use of the plot of land commonly referred to as the "Oakington Tomato Farm" which you have previously identified as being owned by Homes England in RFI3192. 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 Land Enquiries 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.



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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. We can confirm that, although Homes England do own the site referred to as "Oakington Tomato Farm", we hold no recorded information regarding its proposed use. The site was acquired by Homes England in 2019 to provide additional options in terms of highway access, flood mitigation works and/or ecology works in relation to the development of Phase 3A of Northstowe. The use for highway access is not currently being pursued and the potential use for flood mitigation and/or ecology is still being considered and would be a matter for detailed planning if it were to be taken forward.

There is a planning application for Phase 3A of Northstowe currently awaiting determination by the Local Planning Authority. The application and documentation is publicly available to view via the following link using reference 20/02171/OUT: <u>Simple Search (greatercambridgeplanning.org)</u>. The development of proposals for future use of "Oakington Tomato Farm" are therefore dependent on the conclusion of the outline application.

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/



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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



