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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI3583

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 can you let me know how many registered help to buy scheme members there are in the area of Sunderland, Tyne & Wear. (Northern region)

*How many are looking for a 3 bedroom family home on a shared ownership basis?
How many are looking for new build versus shared ownership resale properties?*

We asked for clarification regarding your request and you advised as follows:

when i refer to "help to buy scheme members" I am enquiring about how many members of the public are registered on the scheme in the area of Sunderland who wish to purchase a house on a "SHARED OWNERSHIP" basis. this is the alternative option for help to buy scheme the other being equity loan for new build properties that you refer to.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold information that falls within the scope of your request. We can advise that this information is held by the relevant Help to Buy (HTB) Agent on behalf of Homes England and therefore we have worked with them to compile the information held.

The HTB Agent has received the following applications for Shared Ownership in Sunderland, Tyne & Ware from 1 January 2020 to present:

Please can you let me know how many registered help to buy scheme members there are in the area of Sunderland, Tyne & Wear. (Northern region)

116 applications have been received for Shared Ownership

How many are looking for a 3 bedroom family home on a shared ownership basis?

84 of the applications were for 3 bedroom properties

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How many are looking for new build versus shared ownership resale properties?

3 of the applications were for Shared Ownership resales, of which 2 were for 3 bedroom properties. 1 of the applications was using Older Persons Shared Ownership, which was for a 3 bedroom property.

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
For Homes England

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