



Homes
England

Date: 21 September 2021

Our Ref: RFI3592

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By Email Only

Information Governance Team
Homes England
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3592

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:

A list of bids to Homes England for the first round of funding through the Affordable Homes Programme 2016 – 2021 (allocated 31 August 2021) including the name of the bidder and the amount of grant requested.

Response

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 Affordable Housing 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.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<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. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that the Affordable Homes Programme 2016-2021 did not operate a 'bid' application process, nor were there funding 'rounds' for bids. Rather, the programme operated on a Continuous Market Engagement (CME) system which meant bids were submitted by providers and approved by Homes England on an ongoing basis.

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Homes England publish approved applications; data up to 2019 is currently available and data to the end of the scheme will be published later this year: [Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 summary: end of September 2019 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Furthermore, information on the CME process can be found in the scheme prospectus: [Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme supplementary information – Continuous Market Engagement \(CME\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

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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