



Homes  
England

Date: 21 September 2021

Our Ref: RFI3600

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI3600**

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 may I request an up to date list of suppliers, subcontractors and consultants that have or will be involved with the construction of new town with approximately 10,000 residential units, employment development (knowledge based and other businesses, research and development and light industry), community uses and non-residential institutions, research institutes, retail, showrooms, financial and professional services, restaurants, snack bars and cafés, bars and public houses, hot food takeaways, hotels and guest houses, assembly (including places of worship and conference facilities), entertainment and leisure (including casino, cinema and nightclubs), education (including nursery, pre-school, primary, secondary and post 16 education), health, library, cultural facilities (including art centre), residential institutions, open space including town park and town square, sport and recreational facilities, public transport routes, footpaths and cycleways, landscaping, cemetery/burial ground, allotments, tree nursery and household waste recycling facilities.*

*Northstowe will contribute to the mitigation of the effects of climate change by using energy more efficiently and generating energy from renewable sources. Both of these measures will combine to reduce the volume of the town's CO2 emissions. All non-residential buildings will use 10% less energy than the statutory requirement and public buildings will attain BREEAM ratings of Very Good or better. Works will include infrastructure, enabling, sewer systems, access and landscaping.  
(Hattons Road, Cambridge)*

**Response**

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

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21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

### **Advice and Assistance**

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We can confirm that list of suppliers, subcontractors and consultants that have been involved in the construction of new town is publicly available on our disclosure log via the below link. However, since its publication, there has only been one addition of Keepmoat Homes Limited as a supplier.

[RFI2947 - Contractors at Northstowe.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[RFI2947 - Annex A.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

We can advise that, regarding future appointment of suppliers, subcontractors and consultants, this is currently unknown. Appointments will be subject to procurement processes in accordance with the prevailing policy at the time.

### **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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