



Homes  
England

Date: 13 October 2021

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI3607**

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:

*I contacted you earlier this week to ask how much funding Stonewater had received from Homes England to build 40 social houses at Millwater, North Street, Crewkerne Somerset.*

*The reply was that this was no longer Homes England and I should contact social housing regulator. I have heard from two different departments there and they have both said that this was a Homes England issue and you would have the figures of funding granted to them for that site.*

*Can I please have the figures or the link to projects funded in South Somerset*

We wrote to ask for clarification regarding your request, specifically whether the postcode TA18 7AW was the site you were referring to. You advised as follows:

*yes the post code is correct and that is the only entry I want the details for, perhaps you might also let me know the number of houses you have listed against this funding.*

**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. As such, we can advise that this funding was awarded under the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016-2021. All funding allocation amounts and number of homes are published and available via the following link: [Schemes confirmed by Homes England - GOV.UK \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#).

For ease, we have extracted the relevant entry from the above link:

Local Authority	Developing Organisation	Scheme Description	Heading (Programme)	Funding	Homes
South Somerset	Stonewater Limited	Crewkerne AR1 Crewkerne TA18 7AW	AFFRENT (Affordable Rent)	900,000	20
South Somerset	Stonewater Limited	Crewkerne AR2 Crewkerne TA18 7AW	AFFRENT (Affordable Rent)	630,000	14
South Somerset	Stonewater Limited	Crewkerne S/O Crewkerne TA18 7AW	AFFHO (Affordable Home Ownership)	284,490	10



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### **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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