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

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:

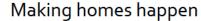
yes the post code is correct and that is the only entry I want the details for, perhaps you might also let me know the number of houses you have listed against this funding.

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

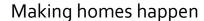
(b)information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether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

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

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