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England

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3051

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

For clarification, you requested the following information:

Please provide details of any funding, and the terms of such, provided to Home Group for the development of 23 homes off Barnett Drive, Seaton, Workington – now known as Rose Beck.

Planning and build occurred 2012-2014

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information and we will address each of your points in turn below.

Details of Funding

The Home Group received £348,500 affordable housing grant towards the development of 23 homes off Barnett Drive, Seaton, Workington. This funding was from the Homes England - Affordable Homes Programme 2015 -2018.

Terms of funding

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>

Section 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)–

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(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.

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with section 16 of the FOIA.

As such, we can advise that the terms of the funding are covered in the Homes England Capital Funding Guide which is available on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/capital-funding-guide>.

Furthermore, the prospectus for the programme is available on the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/343896/affordable-homes-15-18-framework.pdf

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 by writing to;

The Information Governance Team
Homes England – 6th Floor
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50 Victoria Street
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Or by email to; infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner 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,

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