



Homes
England

Date: 13 April 2022

Our Ref: RFI3831

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By Email Only

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

RE: Request for Information – RFI3831

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:

My FOI request relates to Homes England's strategic partnership programme: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/homes-englands-strategic-partnerships-for-the-affordable-homes-programme-2021-26>

Please can you send me a list of organisations who applied to become a strategic partner under the 2021-26 programme?

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information.

Successful Applicants

We are able to 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:

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

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 the list of suppliers who applied to become a strategic partner and were successful are available on the following link on the gov.uk webpage: [Homes England's Strategic Partnerships for the Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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Unsuccessful Applicants

Section 41 – Information provided in confidence

Under section 41(1)(b) of the FOIA Homes England is not obliged to disclose information to the public if it would constitute a breach of confidence.

Unsuccessful applicants applied to Homes England for inclusion on the programme in confidence and with the expectation that their applications would not be publicly disclosed. To disclose the names of unsuccessful applicants would be likely to lead to the public being able to infer details of these companies' financial status and future business plans.

Although section 41 of the FOIA is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a full public interest test, we can confirm that we have considered the public interest in disclosure as a breach of confidence may not be actionable if there is an overriding public interest in that disclosure. In regard to the unsuccessful applicant names we feel that there is no overriding public interest in favour of disclosure.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link;

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/41>

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/>



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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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