



Homes
England

Date: 21 July 2022

Our Ref: RFI3932

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By Email Only

Information Governance Team
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3932

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:

Can you please provide the number of grant applications that were refused under the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme

(SOAHP) 2016-21 in each of the last five years?

Can also provide a breakdown of the tenures in each application?

Can you also provide the number of applications that were rejected from the Strategic Partner program over the same period?

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Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information.

In relation to the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme, please see the table below detailing the number of applications that were refused under each tenure in the past five years:

Year	Affordable Homes	Affordable Rent	Rent to Buy	Social Rent	Total
2016/17	1,312	561	420	0	2,293
2017/18	504	1,351	62	0	1,917
2018/19	967	1,454	52	79	2,552
2019/20	832	1,360	73	273	2,538
2020/21	370	711	35	78	1,194
2021/22	42	46	5	2	95
Total	4,027	5,483	647	432	10,589

In relation to the Strategic Partner Programme we can confirm that Homes England does not hold this information.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Grants Reporting team who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that there were no 'rejected applications' as the scheme does not operate a competitive bidding process. Rather, only those invited could apply and only those who met the eligibility requirements and had expressed in becoming a strategic partners were invited.



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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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