



Homes
England

Date: 5 September 2022

Our Ref: RFI4023

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4023

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested the following information in response to previous requests referenced RFI3886 and RFI3913:

the context of the original request RFI3886 and this subsequent RFI3913 related to information provided prior to and leading to funding award, whereas the information supplied, while helpful, appears to be subsequent to the funding award.

My understanding is that an expression of interest for the Forward Funding Award was registered on 28 September 2018, the Business Case was submitted on 7 December 2018 and the funding award was made on 25 February 2019, whereas Appendix A is dated 17th September 2019, approaching 7 months after funding award and the link provided was from January 2021.

We note from the response to request para b) that the applicant did not inform Homes England that for the level of funding requested the proposed relocation would have to be to a green belt site, despite the justifications in the business case set out in request RFI3886.

please advise what information and correspondence it received / issued leading to the funding award of £227m on 25 February 2019.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the information requested.

Business Case Submission

Regarding your request for whether Homes England was informed by the applicant that the relocation in question would be to a green belt site, we can confirm that in your previous requests RFI3886 and RFI3913 it was interpreted that this information was sought post award of funding. Given that your most recent correspondence has clarified the scope (being prior to the award of funding) we can confirm that we do hold information in this scope.

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Please see the following section of the Business Case submitted to Homes England by Cambridge City Council:

Relocation of the CWRC

In addition to the non-residential accommodation on the site, the investment involves the relocation of the CWRC to a new location. All options under consideration are greenfield locations [REDACTED]

Information and Correspondence received and issued leading to the award of funding

We can confirm that prior to the award of funding the following was received/issued:

- Business Case and associated supporting documentation
- Legal correspondence relating to the detail of the Grant Determination Agreement (GDA), milestones and conditions of the GDA
- Legal correspondence relating to the Heads of Terms
- Draft (unsigned) versions of the GDA and Heads of Terms
- General Correspondence relating to:
 - due diligence
 - reports submitted as part of the business case documentation
 - appraisals of business case documentation
 - assessment/suitability

Right to make Representations

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 a reconsideration of our response (Internal Review). You can make this representation 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 reconsideration must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response (Reg 11(2)). Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for reconsideration 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.



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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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