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Date: 31 October 2022

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI4101**

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:

*The Washington Development Corporation was dissolved on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1988. I understand from the National Archives, Kew, that you may hold the records thereof. I urgently need to know of any information you may hold on the above. In 1970 Washington Development Corporation {WDC} compulsorily purchased the Oxclose Waggonway [OWW] [No. 1 of 1970]. It was ratified by General Vesting Declaration [GVD] of 15/5/1972. The GVD is referred to in the conveyance of land adjoining the OWW from WDC to George Wimpey dated 5/4/1973., registered at HMLR under title number DU40363. There is no record available at HMLR of the GVD registration.*

*I should be most grateful if you could supply me with a copy of the GVD registration and accompanying plan, and details of what happened to the OWW on dissolution of WDC.*

**Response**

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Records Management 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>

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### 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 are two files listed in our database related to Oxclose Waggonway. However the actual files were destroyed in accordance with our retention policy in 2009.

In order that the names of the destroyed files may be helpful, we can advise that these files were listed in our database as follows:

File Title	File opening date	File closing date	Status
Land/Land Purchase Land and Building, Oxclose Waggonway – Elam Construction	07/02/1969	05/04/1990	Destroyed
Land/Sale of Land to Private Developer Land at Fatfield Road, Oxclose Waggonway	25/04/1983	13/04/1988	Destroyed

We hold no further information than that listed as advised above.

### 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:



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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**  
For Homes England

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