



Date: 14 October 2022 Our Ref: RFI4061 Tel: 0300 1234 500

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Information Governance Team Homes England Windsor House – 6th Floor 50 Victoria Street London SW1H oTL



RE: Request for Information - RFI4061

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

You requested the following information:

Please could you let me have anonymous data concerning shared ownership and rent to buy ownership applications.

Please list the following criteria for each registered applicant listed on your database in the Babergh district.

| Database field | Info requested |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Date of application | Please State |
| Property Type Required | Please State |
| Number of Bedrooms | Please State |
| Scheme interested in | Please State |
| Homes interested in | Please State |
| Town Interested In | Please State |
| Local Authority Interested In | XXXXXXX |
| Application | Single/Joint |
| Application Income Total | Please State |
| Application Savings Total | Please State |
| Application Benefits Total | Please State |
| C1 Situation | Please State |
| C1 Current Town | Please State |
| C1 Age | Please State |
| C1 & C2 Disability | Yes/no |
| C1 & C2 Wheelchair | Yes/no |

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. Please see enclosed Annex A which contains the data export of anonymous data for applicants in the Babergh district concerning shared ownership and rent to buy ownership applications.





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However, we can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information in relation to 'Homes interested in' detailed in your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with the relevant Help to Buy (HTB) Agent 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 the HTB Agent records this data under the 'Property type required' field, (i.e. house, flat, bungalow) contained within Annex A column B.

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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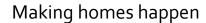
Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

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

For Homes England