



Homes  
England

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Our Ref: RFI4132

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI4132**

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:

*I would like to know the number of buildings rated B2 where a Help to Buy equity loan has been redeemed, in part or in full, by leaseholders. It is important for me to understand how many HTB redemptions have occurred **whilst the building was rated B2.***

**Response**

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

For clarity, we only hold the requested information in a recorded form (on a tracker spreadsheet) from 2021. Any information held prior to 2021 would require Homes England to interrogate each individual HTB loan case file to determine whether the property in question had a B2 rating.

From 2021 to present, we have a record of 42 cases with a B2 rating marked as “settled”. For clarity, “settled” means that Homes England has accepted the valuation and issued authority for the customer to redeem, however the tracker spreadsheet does not capture whether redemption took place. Further, we can advise that the information held does not distinguish between leaseholders or freeholders.

**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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