



Homes
England

Date: 25 April 2023

Our Ref: RFI4270

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By Email Only

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

RE: Request for Information – RFI4270

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:

Under a Freedom of Information request can you supply the Approved Assessors who have gained access to the Homes England Mid Rise Remediation Panel.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. However, we rely on Section 21 of the FOIA where some of the information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The following list of organisations have been accredited to Homes England's Mid Rise Remediation Panel, now known as the Cladding Safety Scheme Panel. Please note, the contents of this list are not static as firms may join or leave the Panel at any time.

Airey Miller Surveys Limited
Anstey Horne & Co Limited
Ark Sustainability Limited
Artec Fire Limited
Ashton Fire Limited
Avalon Surveyors
Bailey Partnership
Berto Chartered Surveyors
CHPK Fire Engineering Limited
Cladding Project Management
Cognition Architecture
Diamond & Company t/a Brooker Diamond

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EWS1 Surveyors Limited
Fire Investigation Risk Evaluation
Frithwood Surveying Limited
Introba
Jacobs UK
MAF Associates
Metro SRM
Noviun Architects
Oakleaf Surveying Limited
Pennington Choice Limited
PRP Architecture LLP
Rider Levett Bucknall UK Limited
Tenos Limited
Tetra Tech
Thomasons
Tri Fire Limited
Vemco Consulting

Section 21 – Information available to the applicant elsewhere

For some of the requested information, we rely on section 21, where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

- (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
- (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.



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Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We can confirm that the following organisations are also members of the Cladding Safety Scheme Panel and this information is already in the public domain. For your ease of reference, we have provided a link to the information.

BEFS Limited – <https://befsltd.co.uk/in-the-community/homes-england-medium-rise-scheme/>

Capital Property and Construction Consultants Limited - <https://www.capitalpcc.co.uk/capital-appointed-on-the-homes-england-mrs-fire-risk-assessor-panel/>

FR Consultants Limited - <https://frconsultants.co.uk/our-partners/>

Harris Associates - <https://harrisassociatesuk.com/newsroom/2023/01/31/fire-risk-assessor-panel-news/>

Keegans Limited - <https://thekeegansgroup.com/keegans-appoint-place-on-homes-england-mrs-fire-risk-assessor-panel/>

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

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