



Homes
England

Date: 12 May 2023

Our Ref: RFI4251

Tel: 0300 1234 500

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By Email Only

Information Governance Team
Homes England
Windsor House – 6th Floor
50 Victoria Street
London
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4251

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:

Please provide a list of the current outstanding loan guarantees that have been provided by Homes England as of the date of their request.

For each guarantee, please state:

- The date the guarantee was issued.*
- The company or entity the guarantee was given to.*
- The size of the financial guarantee issued (which I'm happy to receive in a banded form if necessary).*
- The scheme under which the guarantee was offered.*
- The project the guarantee was issued in relation to.*

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 Housing Guarantees Transactions 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:

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<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 Homes England does not have the legislative powers to provide loan guarantees. It may help you to know that loan guarantees are provided by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). Homes England assists with the management of such schemes but does not provide the guarantees itself.

We would advise that you redirect your request for information to DLUHC. You can find more information on how to make a request for information to DLUHC on their website, using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities>

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.



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Yours sincerely,

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