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By Email Only

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Dear

## RE: Request for Information - RFI4330

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 information I am requesting pertains to the following:

- What was the criteria, procedure, and process of appointing the Traffic Management Company at Northstowe New Town (Formerly Oakington Airfield)?
- What is the name of the Traffic Management Company?
- When the decision was made to appoint the Traffic Management Company and what was scope of the services and specification and when the contract was awarded?
- What were the commercial aspects of appointing the Traffic Management Company and savings to the Homes England?
- Why was the TUPE regulation not considered during the appointment of the Traffic Management Company?
- Why only specific staff on site knew about the appointment of the Traffic Management Company and they have systematically resigned from SSG and joined the traffic management company

#### 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 Estates, Management, Contracts and Performance team who would have the requested information if held.



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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 can advise that the contract for Traffic Management at Northstowe New Town has not yet been specified, advertised or procured.

### **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