



Homes  
England

Date: 22 June 2023

Our Ref: RFI4361

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The Housing and Regeneration Agency

By Email Only

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Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Request for Information – RFI4361**

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:

[REDACTED] *Welwyn Garden City Herts AL7 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I am hearing rumours that the land is going to be turned into gravel extraction and I would like a definite answer whether this is the case as it will have an impact on the house prices in this area Please can you confirm or deny this will be happening?*

**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 Planning and Enabling 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:

<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 Homes England is in the process of preparing the land for the development of

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new homes. Outline planning permission for the airfield land for 650 new homes, a new primary school and a local centre was approved in February 2020 (reference: 6/2018/0873/OUTLINE). A second outline planning application for land to the north for an additional 210 homes was submitted in July 2021 (reference: 6/2021/3096/OUTLINE) and is close to determination.

Therefore, we can confirm that there is no intention for the land to be used for gravel extraction. Full documentation can be found on Welwyn Hatfield Council's planning portal, copied below, using the application references.

<https://planning.welhat.gov.uk/Search>

### **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