



Homes  
England

Date: 28 June 2023

Our Ref: RFI4366

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The Housing and Regeneration Agency

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By Email Only

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6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI4366**

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 electronic copies of ALL documentation, including dates, related to the application and granting of £2.7m of public money towards the development of the former Auction Mart in Bellingham.*

*Please include the details of:*

- a) how the amount of £2.7m was calculated*
- b) the date(s) when the funding is to be/was released*
- c) the amount(s) released and to whom the payment(s) were/are to be paid.*

**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 Strategic Partnership 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>

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### **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 scheme is currently being funded through Karbon Homes' Strategic Partnership programme. We can confirm that we have received no individual application for grant funding relating to the development of the former Auction Mart in Bellingham.

### **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,

**The Information Governance Team**

For Homes England