



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 25 July 2023

Our Ref: RFI4282

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4282

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in issuing this response to you. We recognise that the handling of your request has fallen below expectations and the standards set out in the legislation.

You requested the following information:

We have been instructed by Denton Homes Ltd to conduct ecological pond surveys on and around their development site at Gatehouse Farm, Goddards' Green, Hassocks in West Sussex. Our client has indicated that one of the ponds within the survey boundary (labelled 'P6' on the attached map) seems to lie on Homes England's Northern Arc development site. Could you please confirm that this is the case and, if so, kindly provide contact details for your site development partner so that we may request access permission?

The postcode for the area of interest is BN6 9LE. The pond (P6) lies just to the south of the A2300 between Priory Hospital Burgess Hill and St Paul's Roman Catholic College.

Response

We can confirm that we do own the specified site where pond 'P6' is located. However, at this time, we have not formally entered into a contract with a site development partner. It is likely that we will be in a position to announce who the development partner is later in the summer (we estimate in a period of 2 month's time).

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The legislation does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under Regulation 12(4)(a) is only to provide the recorded information if held.

The full text of regulation 12 in the legislation can be found here:

[The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

Advice and Assistance

As indicated above, there is no site development partner currently contracted. However, we have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Regulation 9(1) of the EIR.

To comply with this duty, we would inform you that permission to access the pond can be granted by Homes England.

Our estates team have confirmed that they will contact Denton Homes Ltd to discuss the survey and whether access can be granted. They can be contacted through our general enquires team via the following methods:

Email: enquires@homesengland.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 1234 500

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 a reconsideration of our response (Internal Review). You can make this representation 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 reconsideration must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response (Reg 11(2)). Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for reconsideration 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.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

