



# Homes England

Date: 17 August 2023

Our Ref: RFI4427

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[REDACTED]  
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Request for Information – RFI4427**

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:

**Re: Former Bellingham Auction Mart, Bellingham, Northumberland  
Planning Application 21/03415/FUL**

**Please provide electronic copies of ALL documentation, including dates, related to the application for, and granting of Homes England funds towards the development of the former Auction Mart in Bellingham.**

**Please include the details of:**

- a) how the amount was calculated
- b) the date(s) when the funding is to be/was released
- c) the amount(s) released/to be released
- d) to whom the payment(s) were/are to be paid.
- e) the total grant agreed
- f) the application form itself

**Please provide the information that you do hold in relation to the scheme for the Former Auction Mart in Bellingham.**





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## **Response**

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Strategic Partnerships 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 are able to confirm that there has been no individual funding application to support the delivery of the Former Bellingham Auction Mart, Bellingham, Northumberland – Planning Application 21/03415/FUL.

It may help you to know that Karbon Homes have a Strategic Partnership allocation to deliver homes under our Affordable Homes Programme 2021-2026. As a Strategic Partner, Homes England has agreed a level of funding that will be made available to Karon Homes to deliver a programme of homes to be developed within set parameters. Individual site identification and development within those parameters is the responsibility of the partner organisation. This means that Homes England does not hold funding and application information related to individual sites, such as the Former Bellingham Auction Mart.

Further information on the parameters of the Affordable Homes Programme 201-2026 and Strategic Partnerships is available on our website via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-affordable-housing-funding>





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## **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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