The Housing and Regeneration Agency



Date: 16 August 2023 Our Ref: RFI4426 Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk



Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI4426

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:

- For all plots within the Green Belt part of the Places for Everyone Allocation known as GBA02 Land at Horwich Golf Club / KnowlesFarm, please provide the following information:
 - the dates of any pre-application discussions held with developers (including sessions that have already been held, as well as any that are planned)
 - o the agenda items for each of those discussions
 - the attendees at each of those discussions

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 Development 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 are able to confirm that we have not had any pre-application discussions with the Local Authority, landowner or any other party in relation to the Land at Horwich Golf Club/Knowles Farm. Therefore, we do not hold any agenda items or attendees list for those discussions.

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.

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

Information Governance Team Homes England Windsor House 6th Floor 42-50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL United Kingdom

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.

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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,

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