



Homes England

Date: 22 August 2023

Our Ref: RFI4430

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[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4430

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:

Crawley Tinsley Lane-

Basically the property looking to be purchased falls on the back of the development in question. I had a few questions that I was hoping someone may be able to help with as below:

- 1. Are there any new plans in progress for the area in question or have all future plans been abandoned.**
- 2. If no plans, how can this land be used for residents? Can they go for walks on this field area, take dogs for walks, have barbeques with friends on it?**
- 3. If there are no further plans, will signage be removed around the site, it doesn't look very good currently and is not well maintained either?**
- 4. If no further plans, is the land looking to be sold?**

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn.

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1. Are there any new plans in progress for the area in question or have all future plans been abandoned.

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

Section 21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We can advise that after the refusal at planning committee in September 2020, we have revised our proposal which can be found on Crawley Borough Council's planning portal via the below link under application number CR/2021/0355/OUT.

<https://planningregister.crawley.gov.uk/>

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2. If no plans, how can this land be used for residents? Can they go for walks on this field area, take dogs for walks, have barbeques with friends on it?

We can confirm that this land is currently private land and there is clear signage which shows that it is not open for use by the public for the above-mentioned activities or any other uses.

3. If there are no further plans, will signage be removed around the site, it doesn't look very good currently and is not well maintained either?

We can confirm that the signage will not be removed and will be remaining on the grounds for health and safety reasons. However, we can advise that the signage is in the process of being updated.

4. If no further plans, is the land looking to be sold?

Please refer to our response to question 1 above.

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.

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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.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

