The Housing and Regeneration Agency



Date: 10 January 2024 Our Ref: RFI4565 Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk



Dear

RE: Request for Information - RFI4565

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:

I am trying to get hold of a list of Local Authorities within England that have utilised modular construction in the past for housebuilding...

Ideally this would be a list of LAs that have directly delivered affordable housing, utilising modular construction, but any data similar to this would be most helpful (even if it is land you have sold to private housebuilders that have utilised modular construction would be helpful at a minimum).

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 Operational 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 Homes England does not hold this information as Local Authorities don't directly deliver against any such programme. Any delivery of modular construction is done through a housing developer/builder.

We can confirm that we do not hold any information regarding sales of land to private housebuilders for the express purposes of modular construction.

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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For Homes England

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