



Homes England

Date: 12 January 2024

Our Ref: RFI4568

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4568

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:

Under the Environmental Information Regulations, please provide the following information regarding the Forward Funding Grant for Cambridge Northern Fringe – WRC relocation:

Homes England RFI4275 response confirms that 14% of the HIF award is available for enabling costs, equating to £31.78m. The Anglian Water Funding Statement (document 3.2) submitted as part of its DCO application, states in para 3.1.1: *'The funding for the Proposed Development, the construction of which is to be managed by CWRPRL, will principally be met by Homes England, as explained further below, whereas the Waterbeach pipeline and related treatment capacity provision at the proposed WWTP will be met by the Applicant in its regulatory capacity.'*

The Anglian Water application comprises lots of documents, including activity conducted by subcontractors, in many cases with the Waterbeach activity often as an integral part of this output.

How is Homes England guaranteeing that none of the enabling costs relating to Waterbeach are being claimed within this £31.78m under the HIF fund monthly payments and therefore ensuring the public purse is protected?

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information.

We can confirm the enabling and design work associated with the Waterbeach pipeline have been undertaken by a separate team within Anglian Water with a separate budget to the one undertaking the relocation project. All costs are subject to audit to ensure that they fall to the right account.





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Costs related to the relocation project are submitted by Anglian Water to Cambridge City Council (the HIF Grant Recipient) in the form of grant claims with supporting documentation. The City Council undertakes checks to ensure that the grant claims are in accordance with the HIF grant determination agreement and then each grant claim is signed by the City Council's Section 151 Officer or delegated authority before it is submitted by the Council to Homes England for payment.

Homes England reviews the grant claims and supporting documentation submitted by the Council to ensure that the grant claims are made in accordance with the HIF grant determination agreement before payment against the grant claim is made.

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

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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

