

Date: 07 March 2024 Our Ref: RFI4628 Tel: 0300 1234 500

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By Email Only

Dear

## RE: Request for Information - RFI4628

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'm emailing regarding the construction of dwellings on the former Abbey Meadows brownfield site in Leicester planning application 20180464

I am in the belief that Nottingham Community Housing Association, Lovell and G.S Developments (Leicester) Itd (02437081) were paid funds from Homes England for the regeneration of the site under an affordable housing scheme?

My concerns are that money was passed to G.S Developments (Leicester) Ltd directly or indirectly (NCHA) to build the adjacent block of flats currently named "Lock 44" under the same affordable housing scheme....

If I could request information;

- 1. Could you give me the breakdown of the funding that was used for the construction of planning 20180464 and what it was intended for?
- 2. Did G.S Residential (GS Developments (Leicester) Ltd and/or Trafalgar Global Ltd (Malta previously BVI), G.S Property Holdings Ltd (BVI) namely receive direct funding from Homes England under the affordable housing scheme for this development?

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- 3. Have you given GS Developments (Leicester) Ltd any previous funding for construction of dwellings?
- 4. Did the NCHA pass any funds to G.S Developments (Leicester) Ltd for the erection of the block of flats commonly known as Lock44 (G.S Residential)?
- 5. Would it be possible to receive a copy of the contract between Homes England and the NCHA, Lovell and G.S Developments (Leicester) Ltd for this development?

### **Response**

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will answer each of your queries in turn below.

1. Could you give me the breakdown of the funding that was used for the construction of planning 20180464 and what it was intended for?

We can confirm that NCHA have a grant agreement to deliver affordable homes in partnership with Homes England. 47 homes on this site were delivered as affordable under that grant agreement.

2. Did G.S Residential (GS Developments (Leicester) Ltd and/or Trafalgar Global Ltd (Malta previously BVI), G.S Property Holdings Ltd (BVI) namely

receive direct funding from Homes England under the affordable housing scheme for this development?

We can confirm that no funds were directed from Homes England to the organisations or individuals specified in your request.

3. Have you given GS Developments (Leicester) Ltd any previous funding for construction of dwellings?

We can confirm that no funding has been given to GS development through the Affordable Homes Programme.

4. Did the NCHA pass any funds to G.S Developments (Leicester) Ltd for the erection of the block of flats commonly known as Lock 44 (G.S Residential) No Affordable Housing Programme funding was given?

We can confirm that Homes England have no knowledge of a development called Lock 44.

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5. Would it be possible to receive a copy of the contract between Homes England and the NCHA, Lovell and G.S Developments (Leicester) Ltd for this development?

We can confirm there is no contract between those parties. Homes England has a contract with NCHA under the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme. To be clear, no other parties are specified in the contract. The contract between Homes England and NCHA is the standard contact used on the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme and can be accessed online at the following website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/shared-ownership-and-affordable-homes-programme-2016-to-2021-guidance#shared-ownership-and-affordable-homes-programme-2016-to-2021-standard-form-contract-

#### **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

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