



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 22 April 2024

Our Ref: RFI4685

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By Email Only

Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4685

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:

Please can you provide us with a breakdown of the following, for each of the Affordable Homes Programme funding schemes (e.g. 2016-2021, 2021-2026):

- **How many Traveller site pitches and sites were applied for;**
- **How many Traveller site pitches and sites received funding and how many of those have been delivered;**
- **For each of the above, please list which sites they are (name and local authority area for each) and if they are permanent or transit.**

Response

- **How many Traveller site pitches and sites were applied for;**

We can confirm that 16 sites were applied for over the course of the whole programme, with a total of 153 pitches.

- **How many Traveller site pitches and sites received funding and how many of those have been delivered;**

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We can confirm that 11 of the 16 sites have been approved for funding, 7 of which are now complete. Please be advised that 3 of the original 16 bids were withdrawn by the providers and did not progress. The total number of pitches across the 11 sites will be 117 when completed.

- **For each of the above, please list which sites they are (name and local authority area for each) and if they are permanent or transit.**

Please see Annex A enclosed with this response for a list of the local authority areas and site details.

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested regarding the site names. However, we rely on section 38(1) exemption to withhold the information from disclosure. This is because release of the requested information would be likely to endanger the safety and physical health of individuals.

Section 38(1) – Health and Safety

The information requested relating to traveller site names engages section 38(1)(a) and (b) of the FOIA as its release would be likely to endanger the physical health and safety of individuals.

Section 38(1) is a qualified exemption. This means that once we have decided that the exemption is engaged, Homes England must carry out a public interest test to assess whether or not it is in the wider public interest for the information to be disclosed.

Arguments in favour of disclosure:

- Homes England is compliant with the government agenda of transparency and recognises the benefit of publishing information, particularly when it concerns how Homes England undertakes its work.
- There is a public interest in transparency in matters concerning applications made to the Affordable Homes Programme.

Arguments in favour of non-disclosure

- There is a real and substantial risk that sites could be subject to malicious attack from criminals and other malicious people. This would not be in the public interest as it would result in a tangible threat to the physical health and safety of communities. Homes England have a duty to protect the public from malicious and criminal acts.

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Homes England believes that to disclose this information to the wider public would undermine the work that has gone into both the safety of the general public and the safety of communities at the sites.

Therefore, after careful consideration we have concluded that at this time, the balance of the public interest favours the non-disclosure.

The full text of the legislation can be found via the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/38>

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.

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,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England



Annex A - Approved AHP traveller pitch allocations

Programme	Lead Organisation Name	Location LA Name	Region Name (Govt)	Transit site	No of Units	Completion Forecast Date	Completion Actual Date
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Broadland Housing Association Limited	Norwich	East of England		3	20/Sep/23	20/Sep/23
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Chartford Housing Limited	North Yorkshire	Yorkshire and The Humber		8	16/Dec/22	16/Dec/22
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Chartford Housing Limited	North Yorkshire	Yorkshire and The Humber	Y	6	16/Dec/22	16/Dec/22
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Chelmsford City Council	Chelmsford	East of England		9	16/Mar/23	16/Mar/23
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Cheshire East Council	Cheshire East	North West	Y	10	28/Jun/24	
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Kingston upon Hull City Council	Kingston Upon Hull	Yorkshire and The Humber		10	28/Feb/25	
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Kingston upon Hull City Council	Kingston Upon Hull	Yorkshire and The Humber	Y	17	28/Feb/25	
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Rooftop Housing Association Limited	Coventry	West Midlands		12	13/Dec/24	
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	The Metropolitan Borough of Bury	Bury	North West		12	26/Sep/23	26/Sep/23
Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21	Birmingham City Council	Birmingham	West Midlands	Y	15	24/Sep/19	24/Sep/19
Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21	Cornwall Council	Cornwall	South West	Y	15	25/Sep/19	25/Sep/19
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