



Homes England

Date: 21 May 2024

Our Ref: RFI4719

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4719

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:

Would you please confirm whether the Report into the 1986 inspection of the Industrial Dwellings Society (1885) is still held. I would like to have knowledge of any data including that Report that mentions me ([REDACTED]), which are held by Homes England. Looking for anything held from 1985 or early 1986 by the then Housing Corporation or Industrial Dwelling Society 1885 Ltd. Could also be under the Housing Association in East London.

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 Records Management 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 that the investment functions of the Housing Corporation transferred into Homes England at the inception of the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) in 2008. The Regulatory functions went firstly to the then newly created Tenant Services Authority, which was also subsequently transferred into the Homes & Communities Agency in March 2012. In October 2018, a new agency called the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) was established and both functions were then passed back to that Agency, including all original records from the Housing Corporation. The physical records that the Corporation had at archive were very small and these went with RSH when they split off from HCA.

We therefore advise that you submit a request for information to the Regulator of Social Housing via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/regulator-of-social-housing>.

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
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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

