



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 7 August 2024

Our Ref: RFI4835

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4835

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:

Is it true Homes England are going to give £11m towards the Waterbeach train station. I assume you are aware the Developer is not supplying 40% affordable housing as per the local rules. We do need affordable housing but once again a developer is not reaching the 40% mark .

What are the terms of giving the £11m .

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 Infrastructure Grants 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 Homes England have not agreed any provision of funding for the relocation of the Waterbeach Train Station. However, we can advise that there are ongoing discussions with Cambridgeshire County Council on whether the agency could potentially support the delivery of a new station in advance of the development of Waterbeach New Town East though as stated, there has been no confirmation to date and therefore no agreed terms.

We can further advise that all projects that receive Homes England funding undertake stringent due diligence and comply with the terms of the relevant fund. It should be noted that it is for the local authority and developer to agree terms around planning requirements and not Homes England.

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

