

Date: 23 October 2024 Our Ref: RFI4852 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: <u>infogov@homesengland.gov.uk</u>

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI4852

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in issuing this response to you. We recognise that the handling of your request has fallen below expectations, and the standards set out in the legislation.

You requested the following information:

I am making a request in relation to the HomeBuy Direct loan I took out.... For details of the fee South West homes received for its' role as HomeBuy agent

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. We can confirm that Help to Buy agent for the Southwest was Sovereign Living and the fee they received was £440,566 plus VAT (totalling £528,679) for their role as HomeBuy Agent.

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.

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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