

Date: 7 October 2024 Our Ref: RFI4883 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

Dear

## **RE: Request for Information – RFI4883**

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested the following information:

Please could you provide any applications/enquiries, assessments, models, guidance, correspondence, meetings with reference to the proposed site allocation (PS37) in the Stroud District Council draft local plan.

The proposed site is within the Slimbridge Parish, Gloucestershire. This request relates to the period 14th July 2023 to the current date 2024. It would be helpful if you were to provide any brief notes which might be necessary to understand the context of the information provided, although I recognise that you are not obliged to do this.

## **Response**

## Regulation 12(4)(a) – Information not Held

Under regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR, Homes England may refuse to disclose information if the requested information is not held by that public authority.

When relying on Regulation 12(4)(a), Homes England must also advise details of any other public authority to whom the requestor could redirect their request to, and in accordance with this we can advise that the relevant local authority is Stroud District Council. You may wish to consider making a Freedom of Information

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request to them via this website: <u>https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/transparency-and-open-data/access-to-information/freedom-of-information-foi-environmental-information-requests-eir/</u>.

Regulation 9(1) provides that an authority must provide advice and assistance to applicants and in accordance with this we can advise that we do not hold this information because we have no business reason to do so.

## **Right to make Representations**

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 a reconsideration of our response (Internal Review). You can make this representation 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 reconsideration must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response (Reg 11(2)). Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for reconsideration 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/

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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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