



Homes
England

Date: 11 February 2025

Our Ref: RFI5011

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI5011

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:

I understand that £8.8million has been granted from the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal to the Oxpens River Bridge in central Oxford. Please could you provide any documentation you have around this - for example, the basis on which funds were provided and how they meet the Growth Deal criteria, any applications for this funding, or notices regarding the funding decision, as well as any correspondence with Oxford City Council or Oxfordshire County Council on the use of Growth Deal funds for the bridge.

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 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 does not provide Growth Deal funding. We can advise that the Oxpens River Bridge is a direct funding award from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) who are the accountable body for the growth deal. The deal is governed by OCC and it is within their delegation, along with the other Oxfordshire Councils, to determine how much and on what project the funding is spent. We therefore advise that you contact both OCC and MHCLG for further information via the links below.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/about-your-council/access-data-and-information/make-request-information>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-housing-communities-local-government>

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.

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,

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