



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 28 February 2025

Our Ref: RFI5026

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI5026

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 wish to make a request regarding the recent purchase and transfer of ownership of the freehold to the library and its adjoining car park by an investment company and whether there have been any changes to the freehold purchased by the Investment Company.

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 Development 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 freeholder to the land is McLagan Investment Limited, with Homes England being the head lessee and Warrington Borough Council (WBC) being the subtenant (underlease). Homes England are not the owners of the property. Under the agreement with McLagan, the building must remain as a library, and currently still is.

We do not hold any recorded information as to the possible intention to change the use from a library to anything else. We therefore advise that you contact WBC directly for any further information via the below methods.

Email: foi@warrington.gov.uk

Post: Warrington Borough Council
EIR/FOI Requests
Contact Warrington
East Annexe
Town Hall
Sankey Street
Warrington
WA1 1UH

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,

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