



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 15 July 2024

Our Ref: RFI4798

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4798

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:

My local authority is Hastings Borough Council. The addresses are [REDACTED] [REDACTED] West Hill Road, St Leonard's On Sea, East Sussex, TN38 [REDACTED].

Applications may have been made anytime between 2011 to 2022. The most likely dates are 2013, 2014, 2019 and 2022, but I am unclear, since the authority's records are rather haphazard.

The type of application would be for projects such to erect affordable homes, mixed-ownership property, later-living property, leisure facilities and a hotel on the site.

There may have been other types of development plans for the sites that are not apparent to me at the moment.

Response

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Affordable Housing team who would have the requested information if held.

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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>

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 there have been no applications from any investment partners in relation to a proposed development in relation to the East Sussex area detailed in your request. We can advise that a developer who acquires land will first need to submit a planning application to the relevant local Council, the planning application would need to be approved by the Council and only then will the Council be in a position to submit an application to Homes England for funding.

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,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

