

Date: 17 July 2024 Our Ref: RFI4816 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

Dear

# RE: Request for Information – RFI4816

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:

Could I please make a FOI request for the following:

- How much has South Tyneside Council been allocated from the BHF in order to clean up Brownfield sites for future housing
- What date/s were these funds allocated
- Which sites were these allocated to within South Tyneside

### **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 Funding 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.

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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 the Brownfield Housing Fund is not a fund associated with Homes England. We can also confirm that we do not have any brownfield funding being provided to South Tyneside Council.

We recommend contacting North Tyneside Combined Authority (NTCA) as we believe they received funding to deliver homes across the North of Tyne region. You can request a Freedom of Information from them via this link:

https://www.northeast-ca.gov.uk/contact-us

### **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

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