

Date: 9 July 2024 Our Ref: RFI4796 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI4796

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:

Please could I request all information under foi request relating to the site known as the former big pit to the rear of 42 Ashby road, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Please could you provide me with the following information:

1) how much funding is being provided by homes England for this site?

- 2) who is the funding being provided to?
- 3) In what format are payments being provided? Ie stage payments
- 4) what amount has been paid to date and who to?

5) is there a deadline date for site to be completed in order for further funding to be provided?

6) what is outstanding amount of funding to be provided?

7) all internal emails regarding site, site owners, contractors, concerns including but not limited to correspondence with local MP, council, health and safety executive.

8) all and any concerns that have been raised regarding the site.

<u>Response</u>

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

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To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Affordable Housing 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

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 site is currently within the pipeline of Orbit Group Ltd's strategic partnership under the 2021-2026 Affordable Homes Programme. However, the site has not yet been made active and therefore no grant has been advanced in relation to this site. As such Homes England does not hold any further detailed information or correspondence about this site at this time.

All Strategic Partners delivering under the 2021-26 Affordable Homes Programme are required to work within the programme funding parameters which can be found here –

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-affordable-housing-funding

Further details on how funding is advanced to strategic partners is set out in Chapter 14 of the Capital Funding Guide (noting Orbit is a not-for-profit registered provider), which can be found here –

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/capital-funding-guide/14-strategic-partnerships

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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