

Date: 11 December 2024

Our Ref: RFI4944

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4944

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 15 November 2024 and processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

I understand that North Yorkshire Council have made an application to you for money from the Brownfield Infrastructure & Land Fund.

It relates to what they describe as Phase 3 of the Otley Road Cycleway, Harrogate, near proposed housing developments including at Windmill Farm.

Please you could you let us have a copy of their application?

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 Operational Management 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 rather than a project by project tender process, we have established funding programmes that we actively promote publicly, such as the Brownfield Infrastructure & Land Fund and have a robust selection process for investments. This process does not require formal applications or bids but relies on active engagement between partners and Homes England. Therefore, we are unable to provide you a copy of their application.

You can read more about the Brownfield Infrastructure & Land Fund here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/brownfield-infrastructure-and-land-fund>

The process that we follow in all investments of this type is as set out below:

Proposals are considered against programme parameters. The Brownfield Infrastructure & Land Fund reflects wider government priorities. We approve projects based on:

- The best value for money for the tax payer
- The greatest potential for early delivery
- Projects that support policy priorities such as:
 - Strengthening the small medium enterprise developer market
 - Greener homes that support net zero carbon
 - Diversification and innovation in the housing market

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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