

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI4957

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Request rules please can you provide me with the following information which updates the previous request;

For each of the following schemes including Social Rent, Affordable Rent, Shared Ownership (including HOLD and OPSO), Rent To Buy and Affordable Home Ownership, how many new homes have been completed in each financial year, and up to date information for this current financial year for each respective scheme since inception in the following three post codes;

- a) Horsham District including Broadbridge Heath Ward (RH12)
- b) Southwater Ward (West Sussex RH13)
- c) Billinghurst Ward (West Sussex RH14)

2) For each of the individual completions above please can you provide a list of the number of occupants per property (as per the respective scheme application/completion documentation) and the registered number of bedrooms per property in each financial year and up to date information for this current financial year for each respective scheme since inception.

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As stated above, this request is for updated details based on our previous response to your FOI request (our reference RFI4398), a copy which can be found on our disclosure log here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64cb83c547915a00142a91f3/RFI4398 -Affordable Housing Statistics.pdf

<u>Response</u>

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. Please see enclosed Annex A which contains a table showing the number of completions for the Social Rent scheme. This is the only scheme that completed in the 2023/2024 period which falls within the three postal codes detailed in your request.

The data is from July 2023 (previous FOI request) to the end of September 2024. However, please note that there have been no completions reported in Horsham between April and September 2024.

Please note, we do not hold the information on a ward level, and only hold this information at Local Authority level.

We do not hold information related to the actual number of 'occupants' per property; however, we do hold the information for the number of people that could live in the property, and is recorded in the 'persons' column Annex A.

We do not hold information related to the actual number of bedrooms per property, and instead record this on an average basis. This information is recorded in the 'Average no. of bedrooms per unit' column in Annex A.

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 advise that you contact the local authority, Horsham District Council, via the below link who may hold information relating to the number of occupants per property.

https://www.horsham.gov.uk/data-and-freedom-of-information/freedom-of-informationrequests/submit-a-freedom-of-information-request

Right to Appeal

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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.

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Yours sincerely,

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Reporting Programme Group	Lead Organisation Name	Location LA Name	Scheme ID	Tenure		of Persons		Actual Completions 2023/24
Affordable Homes Programme 2021- 26	Saxon Weald	Horsham	1063244	Social Rent	3	5	3	3