



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 15 January 2025

Our Ref: RFI4899

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4899

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:

I would like to request information regarding any public funding, such as social housing grants or similar, allocated to the development at [REDACTED] Mercian Close Towcester, specifically between the years 2017 and 2021. Please provide details on whether this development received any funding from Homes England, including amounts and the nature of the funding, or any other public funding.

If possible, I would also appreciate information on any associated housing programmes or grants that this development may have benefited from before or during this period.

We wrote to you on 15 October 2024 and requested clarification from you.

You clarified your request on 13 December 2024 as follows:

The property at [REDACTED] Mercian Close is located within the Farriers Court development in Towcester. I am seeking information on whether this development, or the specific property at [REDACTED] Mercian Close, received any public funding between 2017 and 2021. This includes funding from Homes England or any associated housing programmes or grants, such as those that might qualify the property for the Right to Acquire scheme.

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If possible, please confirm whether the development or property benefited from any funding schemes that would influence eligibility for Right to Acquire.

Response

We can confirm that Homes England does hold some of the information detailed in your request.

We can confirm that properties on the Farriers Court development in Towcester have received a total of £228,900 funding through the Help to Buy Equity Loan programme. This funding scheme does not influence eligibility for Right to Acquire.

We rely on Section 40 (2) of the FOIA to withhold information on specific addresses from disclosure.

Section 40 – Personal information

We are withholding information on the grounds that it constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages section 40(2) of the FOIA.

To disclose personal data, such as property addresses could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exemption is engaged.

The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/40>

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 specific property at ■■■ Mercian Close has not received funding from Homes England or any associated housing programmes or grants between 2017 and 2021.

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.

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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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