



Homes  
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 7 April 2025

Our Ref: RFI5067

Tel: 0300 1234 500

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[REDACTED]  
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: Request for Information – RFI5067**

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:

**Adur District Council and potential social housing development on site of old Lancing Police Station**

This is a local issue where the leader of the Council is quoted in the media that the council cannot access funds from Homes England because of the Council being subject to an adverse finding by the Regulator of Social Housing (in respect of consumer matters). Please let me know if there has been an application for funds with what result. If there has not been any such application but your policies would affect any such application adversely please let me know. Essentially, I want to find out if the RSH decision adversely affects the Council now and into the future.

**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 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.

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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 Homes England has not received any application for funding to our Affordable Housing Programmes for the site of old Lancing Police Station. In relation to our policies, where a Registered Provider has a non-compliant published Regulatory Notice, Homes England must have regard for such Regulatory circumstances in its consideration of any new bids. The Regulatory Notice does not in itself preclude Homes England from considering new bids, but any progression to detailed bid approval is subject to Homes England's usual programme considerations and assessment.

You can find out more about funding rules and requirements for the Affordable Homes Programme 2021 to 2026 on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/affordable-homes-programme-2021-to-2026>

### **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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