The Housing and Regeneration Agency



Date: 7 April 2025 Our Ref: RFI5077 Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI5077

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 am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following details regarding the Social HomeBuy scheme:

The total funding provided to Peabody Trust between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2025 under the Social HomeBuy scheme.

The number of properties involved and any breakdown by year.

Any relevant information on discount amounts, tenant participation, or staircasing sales recorded during this period.

If possible, please specify whether funding came directly via Homes England or through the Greater London Authority.

Response

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 as at the date of your request (21 March 2025), Homes England has not provided funding to the Peabody Trust for any Social HomeBuy schemes. We can therefore also confirm that we do not hold any information in relation to the other questions detailed in your request.

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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