



Date: May 2025

Our Ref: RFI5115

Tel: 0300 1234 500

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[REDACTED]  
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

### **RE: Request for Information – RFI5115**

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:

**we are trying to ascertain the approximate date that a property in Basildon was constructed.**

**We have asked Basildon Council to check their records, but they have replied to the effect that they do not have this information and have suggested that we contact yourselves as you are the successor to the commission for the new towns.**

**The property is located at [REDACTED] Basildon Essex, SS13 [REDACTED]**

**It would be most helpful if you could advise the year that this property was constructed, please.**

### **Response**

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Development 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 do own land in Basildon Essex where we are in the process of developing homes however construction is still in progress. The property in your request is located further to the east of Homes England's site and therefore we do not hold any details in relation to the construction of the property. We can advise that, as the property is located in the South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency, you may wish to contact Thurrock Council via the below link.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/freedom-of-information-requests/freedom-of-information>

### **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.

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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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