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Dear Mr Parekh,

Thank you for your email of 9 March where you requested the following information:

- 1) Please provide submissions to the BEIS consultation on Future support for low carbon heat conducted between April and July 2020 from the 16 companies (or their parent companies and/or subsidiaries) listed below if available;
- Barratt / Barratt Development
- Persimmon / Persimmon Homes
- Taylor Wimpey
- Bellway
- Redrow
- Countryside Properties
- Galliford Try
- Vistry Group (formerly Bovis Homes/Bovis)
- Berkeley Group
- Crest Nicholson
- Miller Homes
- Bloor Homes
- Keepmoat Homes Kingspan Group
- Knauf Insulation
- Rockwool
- 2) Please provide submissions to the BEIS consultation on Future support for low carbon heat conducted between April and July 2020 from the from the 8 organizations listed below if available:
- Home Builders Federation
- National Federation of Builders
- Federation of Master Builders
- British Property Federation
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Country Land and Business Association (formerly Country Landowners' Association)

- Insulation Manufacturers Association
- Confederation of Business Industry

We have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') as the information you request falls within the definition of 'environmental information' in the EIRs.

We have searched through all responses to the 'Future support for low carbon heat' consultation, published in April 2020. Of all the organisations mentioned in your request, only the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) provided a response to the consultation. We have provided their response in an attached document. We have redacted the name, contact details and job title of the individual who submitted the response as an individual can be identified from such information. Regulation 13(1) of the EIRs provides an absolute exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018. Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed in accordance with data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be lawful, fair and transparent and must comply with one of the conditions at Article 6(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We do not think that it is lawful, fair and transparent to release the personal information contained in the consultation response and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

Appeals Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights & Records Unit. It would be helpful if you can tell us why you are dissatisfied with the response to your request so we may address this during the internal review.

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Yours sincerely,

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