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Date: 6 November 2020

Our Ref: RFI3159

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By Email Only

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Dear Mr Dean

RE: Request for Information – RFI3159

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

- 1. The amount loaned to Sterling Park Developments Charge No: 1237 0389 0001.*
- 2. A copy of all emails between yourselves and Sterling Park Developments.*

Response

The Freedom of Information Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, and a full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case. We do, of course, aim to make all the decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. In this case, however, we have not yet reached a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies.

In your case we estimate that it will take an additional 20 working days to take a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 4 December 2020. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

The qualified exemption which we are currently considering in relation to your request is Section 43(2). We are currently considering whether the public interest test in disclosing the information requested would outweigh the public interest in withholding the information. Once we have been able to determine where the balance of the public interest falls, we shall be able to advise you further.

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 by writing to;

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Or by email to infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner 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,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

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