**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request – Local Housing Shortage, Investment & Compulsory Purchase Plans

To: [Insert the FOI email address for your local council or submit via their FOI portal]

Dear [Council Name] FOI Team,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information regarding housing and land acquisition within your local authority area:

**Housing Need:**

* What is the current estimated housing shortage or unmet housing demand in your area?
* Has the council conducted any recent assessments or forecasts regarding future housing needs, if so, please provide?

**Investment and Funding:**

* How much public funding has been allocated to housing development projects within the borough since 2023?
* What funding sources (e.g., central government grants, partnerships with developers, council borrowing) are being used to support these projects?

**Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs):**

Does the council currently have any plans to use or consider Compulsory Purchase Orders to acquire land or property for housing or infrastructure development?

If so, please provide:

* The number of CPOs issued, planned, or under consultation since January 2023.
* Details of any specific areas, postcodes, or types of properties being considered for compulsory purchase and for what purpose will they be acquired.
* Any criteria used to determine which land or properties may be targeted.

**Community Consultation:**

Has the council engaged in or planned any public consultation processes regarding these housing or land acquisition projects?

If so, please provide details or links to relevant consultations or outcomes.

Please provide this information in digital format. If any of the requested details are exempt under the Act, please clearly state the legal exemption applied and provide partial disclosures where possible.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Address or Postcode – optional]

[Your Email Address]