



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-118, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

- Please provide a breakdown of how the additional income generated from the increase in planning application fees introduced on 6 December 2023 has been allocated or spent. Where possible, please specify the services or functions supported and the amount allocated to each.
- Has the additional income generated from the planning application fee increase introduced on 6 December 2023 been used exclusively to support the delivery of the Local Authority's planning function?
- What percentage of residential planning applications (minor and major), submitted after 6 December 2023, have resulted in an agreed extension of time?
- What percentage of residential planning applications (minor and major), submitted after 6 December 2023, have resulted in fee refunds under the Planning Guarantee?

Response:

- The fees have been assimilated into the planning budget to support its ongoing work. No specific allocations have taken place.
- The income as it goes directly to the planning service does directly support the delivery of the planning function.
- 47% of residential planning applications (minor and major), submitted after 6 December 2023, have resulted in an agreed extension of time.
- 1% of residential planning applications (minor and major), submitted after 6 December 2023, have resulted in fee refunds under the Planning Guarantee

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-118.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.