



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-146, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information regarding dog-related noise complaints in your council area:

1. The total number of complaints received about dog barking between January 2022 and May 2024.
2. If recorded, how many of these complaints referred to barking occurring in early morning hours (between 4:00am and 8:00am)?
3. Any available data or summary that categorises complaints by:
 - Time of day
 - Reason for complaint (e.g., persistent noise, sleep disturbance, early wakeups)

Please provide the data in an electronic format (PDF or spreadsheet). If time-of-day data is not routinely recorded, a clarification to that effect is appreciated.

Response:

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2.This information not recorded and therefore this information is not held.

3.We do not categorise dog barking complaints in this way, and therefore this information is not held.

The Council considers that the requested information falls within the Environmental Information Regulations ("EIR"), which relate to information on activities affecting or likely to affect the elements and factors of the environment.

In respect of those requests that were answered in full or partially and the total refused please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

- a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;
- b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

Section 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held

- c) State why the exemption applies:

Regulation 12 (4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-146.

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.