



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-207, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

I am requesting the following information for the period 1 January 2023 to 30 April 2025:

1. A list of planning applications that were:
  - Decided by Planning Committee
  - Where the officer recommendation was overturned (e.g. officer said refuse, committee approved)
2. For each:
  - Reference number
  - Decision date
  - Proposal type
  - Officer recommendation (approve/refuse)
  - Final decision
  - Minutes or reasoning (if available)

If the list is large, a random sample of 100–300 cases is acceptable.

**Response:**

The requested information is available on our website at: [Council meeting search | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#)

Under 'Meeting Name (Committee)' enter 'Planning' and then your specified dates. This will bring up a list of all the Planning Committees that took place during that time period. Click on each Planning Committee meeting individually, this will bring up all the documents from that Committee. Click on the Planning Committee minutes for that meeting and it will provide a full list of all applications discussed, stating the Planning Officer recommendation and that Councillor decision.

We do not hold the requested information in any other format.

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 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

- c) State why the exemption applies:

***The information requested is accessible to you via other means at:***

Section 21 states the following:

- 1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under Section 1 is exempt information.
- 2) For the purposes of subsection (1) –

- a. Information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
- b. Information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

Therefore, as the Council publish this information, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Act.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-207.

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](mailto: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.