



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-227, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. Nuisance Complaints – ***ADDRESS REDACTED BY ECDC***

Please provide details of any complaints, reports, or investigations recorded by your authority relating to alleged nuisance (including but not limited to noise, odour, flies, or any or all other dog-related issues) concerning the property at the above address.

For each recorded complaint, please provide (where available):

- The date the complaint was made
- The general nature/category of the complaint
- Any action taken or outcome recorded

2. Dog Breeding Licence Information – ***ADDRESS REDACTED BY ECDC***

Please confirm whether a dog breeding licence has been issued for this property in the last 10 years.

If so, please provide:

- The dates the licence was issued and/or renewed
- Any inspection reports held (with personal details redacted)
- Any recorded breaches of licence conditions or enforcement actions taken

Response:

1. We can neither confirm or deny any nuisance complaints, reports, or investigations recorded by East Cambridgeshire District Council in relation to the address in question. As the requested information is relevant to one specific property, it would be considered personal data. This information is therefore refused under Section 40(2) Personal Information (ABSOLUTE) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. We can neither confirm or deny if a dog breeding licence has been issued to the address in question. If the address of the premises, as recorded on a dog breeding licence, is a home address, then this is considered personal data and as such cannot be disclosed.

A similar request was the subject of an ICO decision notice, and the council relies on the arguments put forward in that ruling to withhold disclosure, please see: [ic-217787-s7w9.pdf](#)

This information is refused under Section 31(1) Law Enforcement and Section 40(2) Personal Information (ABSOLUTE)

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 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

- c) State why the exemption applies:

31(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime

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

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

- c) State why the exemption applies:

(1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

- (a) it constitutes personal data which not fall within subsection (1), and**
- (b) the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.**

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-227.

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.