



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-280, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the collection of litter in your council area, specifically cigarette butts and vaping products.

If you could please provide the following information:

Cigarette butt collections

The total number (and weight/volume, if recorded) of cigarette butts collected from any beaches, parks, and the local high street in your council area during the following periods:

- 1 September 2022 - 31 August 2023
- 1 September 2023 - 31 August 2024
- 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025

Please provide a breakdown by location type.

Vaping product collections

The total number (and weight/volume, if recorded) of disposable vapes or other vaping products collected from public spaces during the same periods:

- 1 September 2022 - 31 August 2023
- 1 September 2023 - 31 August 2024
- 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025

Please provide a breakdown by type of vaping product (e.g. disposable vapes, refillable devices/cartridges) and by location type (e.g. parks, beaches, high streets), with the data in a CSV file.

Response:

We do not record the number, weight or volume of cigarette butts and / or vaping products, and therefore do not hold this information.

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 25/26-280.

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.