



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-307, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Barton Square, Ely. Specifically, I would like to request the following:

1. Confirmation of the legal ownership of Barton Square.
2. Details of any agreements, contracts, leases, licences, memoranda of understanding, service level agreements, or other formal or informal arrangements in place between East Cambridgeshire District Council and King's Ely (or any associated body) regarding Barton Square and the adjoining roads (The Gallery, Barton Square, Barton Road, Back Hill, Silver Street).
3. Copies of such documents where available (with appropriate redactions if necessary).
4. Details of any financial arrangements in relation to Barton Square, including contributions to maintenance, cleaning, repair, or improvement, whether made by King's Ely or received by the Council.
5. Records of correspondence, meeting minutes, or reports held by the Council since 1 January 2010 concerning the involvement of King's Ely in the management, upkeep, or use of Barton Square.

Response:

1. East Cambridgeshire District Council does not own Barton Square. We have checked Land Registry and the land is unregistered. Cambridgeshire County Council have adopted the road 'Barton Square' and are responsible for maintaining the public footpaths and verges. The grass and flower beds on Barton Square are maintained by Kings School.
2. Information Not Held
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5. Information 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 25/26-307.

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@eastcambbs.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.