



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-052, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I would like to request the following information as a freedom of information request. If possible, please provide the data as an Excel. By public litter bin I mean a bin provided by the council for the public to put their rubbish in, on the street/park etc.

1. How many public litter bins has your council provided for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?
2. How often have each of your public bins been emptied for each of the years, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?
3. How many complaints have you received related to public litter bins for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? And if possible, broken down by topic of complaint e.g. not enough bins, overflowing bins.
4. What was the cost to your council to provide, maintain, and empty public bins for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

Response:

1. There are 619 public litter bins, this number has remained the same in the time period specified.

2. Public litter bins in Ely, Littleport and Soham city and village centres are emptied 1 x per day
Public litter bins in the outer areas of Ely city centre are emptied 3 x per week
Public litter bins on the outskirts of Ely, Littleport, Soham and Burwell are emptied 1 x per week
Public litter bins everywhere else in East Cambridgeshire are scheduled for emptying 1 x every 6 weeks, though typically get emptied every week.
This collection frequency has remained the same in the time period specified.

3. 2020: Information Not Held

2021: 182

2022: 185

2023: 53

2024: 36

4. The cost for provision, maintenance and emptying of public litter bins is included up in the street cleansing budget as a whole and not as a separate figure. We therefore do not hold this information.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-052.

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.