



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-138, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information:

Details of motor vehicles registered for public hire (i.e., Chauffeur, Taxi, Private Hire, Hackney Carriage) that are registered to, operated by a company, or licensed operator and were either issued a new or renewal licence during the period from 1st January 2024 to 1st January 2025. Specifically, I am requesting the following information for these vehicles:

- Vehicle Registration Number
- Manufacturer (Make)
- Model
- Licence Issue Date
- Licence Expiry Date

Response:

Please see attachment for the make and model of all Taxi, Hackney Carriage or for Private Hire vehicles (both approved and active) between 1st January 2024 to 1st January 2025.

Please note that East Cambridgeshire District Council does not provide vehicle registration numbers in response to FOI requests, this information is refused under Sections 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In respect of those requests that are answered in full, partially or 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) – Law Enforcement

- c) State why the exemption applies:

***(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***

As Section 31 is a qualified exemption, we, the authority, must consider the balance of public interest in the circumstances of the request.

Arguments in favour of disclosing the information:

There is public interest in being able to access information on vehicles formerly used as taxis.

Arguments in favour of withholding the information:

- The provision of this data would make it easier for criminals to use this data, together with other information already in the public domain, for purposes such as cloning vehicles and avoidance of traffic violation fines.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-138.

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.