



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-166, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

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

- 1) Does the council collect data on how many of its residents are living full-time in a caravan?
- 2) If yes, what is the most recent data on how many such residents there are? Please specify the time period for which this figure applies, and any relevant detail on how it was calculated – e.g. is it number of residents or number of households?
- 3) Is it known what proportion of caravan dwellers are from Gypsy or Traveller communities? If yes, please specify the proportion.
- 4) If data is not formally collected on residents living full-time in a caravan, is the council aware of whether there are any such residents locally?
- 5) Has the council ever used caravans to temporarily accommodate people who would otherwise be homeless? If so, how many people are currently housed in this way?
- 6) Does the council have strategic plans which incorporate the use of caravans as temporary accommodation?
- 7) Is the council taking any actions to assure itself of the electrical safety of caravans being used as dwellings? If yes, please briefly detail the types of actions being taken.
- 8) In the past 12 months, has the council offered caravan dwellers any specific advice or support on electrical safety in their vehicle?
- 9) Does the council collect any information on a) how caravan dwellers are accessing electricity and b) which electrical items they are using? If so, please share details.
- 10) Into the remit of which a) councillor/s and b) officer/s does the wellbeing and safety of caravan dwellers fall?

Response:

- 1) We do an annual count of gypsy and traveller sites which is in the public domain on gov.uk, and we licence caravan sites (the licences would specify the number of caravans on a site, but not how many are occupied at any one time), please see: [Caravan site licence | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#).
- 2) As above
- 3) We only record gypsy or traveller caravan dwellers, therefore 100%.
- 4) No
- 5) No
- 6) No
- 7) n/a
- 8) n/a
- 9) No
- 10) n/a

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-166.

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