



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-195, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding abandoned vehicles within your local authority area, covering the past five calendar years (or the maximum available range):

1. The number of abandoned vehicle reports received per year .
2. The number of confirmed abandoned vehicles removed per year.
3. The most common makes and models of abandoned vehicles.
4. The average time between a report being received and the vehicle being removed (if recorded).

**Response:**

1.

2020 - 200 Abandoned vehicle reports received  
2021 - 196 Abandoned vehicle reports received  
2022 – 189 Abandoned vehicle reports received  
2023 – 189 Abandoned vehicle reports received  
2020 – 240 Abandoned vehicle reports received

2.

2020 - 24 vehicles removed  
2021 – 13 vehicles removed  
2022 – 8 vehicles removed  
2023 – 18 vehicles removed  
2024 - 16 vehicles removed

3. The most common types of vehicles reported as abandoned tend to be the most common types of vehicles seen on the roads, therefore the actual vehicles removed (in no particular order) tended to consist of Fiat, Ford, Peugeot, Skoda, Vauxhall Volkswagen, and Volvo. There were no specific models that stood out apart from Ford Focus and the Ford transit van (often burnt out). The vehicles removed also included the odd caravan.

4. The time taken from the initial report to actually removing a vehicle is approximately 4-5 weeks. Having visited the vehicle, a letter would be sent to the registered keeper and following this I would usually give it a couple of weeks before attaching a Notice. The Notice will cover either 7 or 15 days depending on whether the vehicle is on public or private land, hence the difference in removal time.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-195.

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](mailto: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.