

Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-204, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on 23.07.2025 for The Sunday Times newspaper for the following information

- Has the local authority adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and, if so, when did it adopt this tax?
- How much money received via CIL payments is currently held, unspent, by the local planning authority?
- How much of this sum has been allocated for infrastructure projects and how much is currently unallocated?
- What is the current interest rate (%) that the local authority receives for holding unspent CIL money?
- What was the monetary value of the interest accrued from unspent CIL monies for the financial year 2023/24?
- Are CIL funds ring-fenced for community infrastructure projects?
- Is the interest generated from unspent CIL monies directed towards the local authority's general fund?
- What is the rate (£ per square metre) that the local authority charges for CIL-liable development?
- How many planning applications for main residences were liable for CIL in 2023/24?
- What percentage of property developments with 10 or more residential dwellings were liable for CIL in 2023/24?

Response:

- Yes charging schedule adopted on 10th December 2012 and took effect from 1st February 2013
- £15,243,367.43
- Total allocated & committed to specific infrastructure projects- £12,165,292.81 Total allocated to infrastructure theme- no specific project identified- £3,078,074.62
- The Council does not hold CIL receipts in a separate bank account, and it therefore does not have a separate interest rate.
- The Council does not hold CIL receipts in a separate bank account, so it is not possible
 to say how much interest has been earned specifically on this. This information is
 therefore not held.
- Yes less 2.5% cover administration costs
- The Council does not hold CIL receipts in a separate bank account.
- Please see CIL Charging Schedule 2025 Update.pdf
- All planning applications were CIL liable
- All property developments were CIL liable

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-204.

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.

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