



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-274, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I would like to request information relating to the issuance of licences for Houses in Multiple Occupation, or HMO licences.

Please provide the following data broken down by year for 2019 to 2024, years running January 1 to December 31, and 2025 YTD.

1. The number of licenced HMOs which appeared on the council's register, broken down by council tax band.
2. The number of all residential properties in the council's area, broken down by council tax band (including HMOs and non-HMOs).
3. Number of new initial HMO licence applications made.
4. Number of new HMO licence applications rejected.
5. Number of new HMO licence applications approved/issued.
6. Number of renewal HMO licence applications made.
7. Number of renewal HMO licence applications rejected.
8. Number of renewal HMO licence applications approved/issued.
9. Number of HMO licences which expired.
10. Average maximum permitted occupants for HMOs on the register for the specified year.
11. Average maximum households for HMOs on the register for the specified year.
12. The highest maximum permitted occupants for an HMO on the register for the specified year.
13. The highest maximum households for an HMO on the register for the specified year.
14. The associated address for question 12.
15. The associated address for question 13.

Response:

1.

Year	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2019	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0
2020 – three are now listed under business rates.	0	1	3	0	1	2	2	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 - one is now listed under business rates	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
2024	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

2.

Year	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
31.12.2019	4741	11145	7743	6910	4545	2143	726	86
31.12.2020	4764	11219	7824	6926	4635	2200	746	88
31.12.2021	4825	11309	8021	7118	4776	2256	768	89
31.12.2022	4894	11411	8163	7328	4899	2327	786	90
31.12.2023	4955	11545	8381	7460	5009	2403	804	94
31.12.2024	4993	11611	8557	7600	5109	2452	818	93

3 – 9.

Year	No. new apps received	No. new apps approved	No. new apps rejected	No. renewals received	No. renewals approved	No. renewals rejected
2019	8	5	0	0	0	0
2020	5	12	0	0	0	0
2021	2	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	3	0	1	1	0
2023	6	5	0	0	0	0
2024	2	1	0	2	1	0
2025	1	2	0	8	7	0

Note: For questions 10 – 13, we are unable to extract the information from previous years as the HMO register is a live document updated as required, it therefore changes every month. These numbers are from the most up to date 2025 data we hold.

10. 17.5 from 2025 public register date.

11. 14.7 from 2025 public register date.

12. 120

13. 120

14. Limes Farm Hostel Limes Farm Little Ditton Woodditton CB8 9SA

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This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-274.

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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