



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-334, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to formally request the provision of the most recent Local plans shape file in vector format for East Cambridgeshire.

If the shape files are not available, please provide information about any Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) that you may have relating to conservation areas.

Response:

There is an ongoing project at East Cambridgeshire District Council to bring all our Local plan mapping data up to certain standards, and at present this work is only complete for certain layers. This means that the data we currently hold is our published pdfs at: [Local Plan policies map | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#), with the caveat that the underpinning data may not be precise.

Therefore, at present, the information that you have requested is not held, as the information we currently hold is not accurate.

The Council considers that the requested information falls within the Environmental Information Regulations ("EIR"), which relate to information on activities affecting or likely to affect the elements and factors of the environment.

In respect of those requests that were answered in full or partially and 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 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held

- c) State why the exemption applies:*

Regulation 12 (4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-334.

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.