



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-356, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I write to request information regarding the council's expenditure on planning appeals relating to residential-led developments.

Please provide the following information for each of the financial years (a) 2022/23, (b) 2023/24, and (c) 2024/25:

1. The total number of appeals lodged against decisions relating to residential-led planning applications, and the total number of residential units involved in these appeals.
2. The number of appeals that resulted in planning permission being granted, and the total number of residential units approved as a result of such appeals.
3. The total amount of money spent by the council on legal advice, representation, and any other costs incurred in defending planning appeals.
4. The total amount paid by the council to appellants in respect of costs awarded against the authority in planning appeal cases.
5. Of the total expenditure identified in (3), please specify how much related to appeals that were subsequently allowed (i.e. where permission was granted on appeal).
6. The number of appeals that were made against an officer recommendation for approval.

**Response:**

1.

2022/23 – 35

2023/24 – 22

2024/25 - 29

2.

2022/23 – 15 appeals resulted in planning permission granted, total 39 residential units

2023/24 – 6 appeals resulted in planning permission granted, total 49 residential units

2024/25 – 10 appeals resulted in planning permission granted, total 6 residential units

3.

2022/23 – £0.00

2023/24 – £20350.00

2024/25 - £1500.00

4.

2022/23 – £3412.50

2023/24 – None

2024/25 - None

5.

2022/23 – £0.00

2023/24 – £20350.00

2024/25 - £1500.00

6.  
2022/23 – 0  
2023/24 – 0  
2024/25 - 0

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-356.

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.